

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 524

WHEREAS, Preservation Month is taking place in May 2025, providing a fitting opportunity to recognize Rio Vista Farm in Socorro; and

WHEREAS, Rio Vista Farm was initially established in the early 1900s to serve as a poor farm and institutional campus; from 1951 to 1964, it served as a processing center for the Bracero Program, an initiative established by the governments of the United States and Mexico that brought Mexican laborers to the U.S. to legally work in the American agricultural and railroad industries; as one of the first and most active bracero centers in the U.S., Rio Vista processed hundreds of thousands of workers over the course of its operation; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to preserve Rio Vista resulted in the farm being designated a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior on December 13, 2023, the first landmark established in Far West Texas in over two decades; the revitalization process has been guided by the City of Socorro and its historic preservation officer, Victor Reta; the city has embarked on a \$35 million rehabilitation and capital improvement project to restore the campus and adapt it for public use as a cultural destination by establishing a museum and education center; and

WHEREAS, The preservation of Rio Vista Farm honors the contributions that the braceros and other immigrant groups have made to our state and nation, and by investing in this historically significant site, the City of Socorro is ensuring that it will be appreciated for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby honor the revitalization efforts at Rio Vista Farm on the occasion of Preservation Month 2025 and extend to all those associated with the initiative sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the City of Socorro as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 15, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate