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EL PASO DELEGATION FILES RESOLUTION
Honoring Those Taken on August 3, 2019

El Paso—Today the El Paso delegation in the Texas Legislature filed the attached resolution (Senate Resolution 224 and House Resolution 585) honoring those who lost their lives during the mass shooting at the Cielo Vista Walmart on August 3, 2019. The delegation released the following statement:

“August 3, 2019 is a date that will live forever in the collective memories of all El Pasoans, not only for those we lost, but for the courage and resolve our people showed during the shooting and in its aftermath. We know, too, that we didn’t become “El Paso Strong” because of the massacre—El Paso is, was, and has always been strong.

“We’ve pledged to offer more than words, though, and we’re doing that this session. Each member of the delegation has filed legislation directly responding to the attack, from firearm safety measures to mental health interventions. We’ve also worked tirelessly to counter the dehumanizing political and racial rhetoric that motivated the Cielo Vista shooter in the first place. And we’ve had productive bipartisan talks in both the House and the Senate focused on practical solutions to the epidemic of mass shootings gripping our state and nation.

“We El Pasoans will never forget what happened to our community, and we promise to stand as a constant reminder to other legislators of the pressing need to address this horror until, one tremendous and already overdue day, it becomes a problem of the past.

“Until then, we pledge to fight for Texas lives in every way we can.”

El Paso is proudly represented by Senator César J. Blanco and representatives Joe Moody, Mary González, Lina Ortega, Art Fierro, and Claudia Ordaz Perez.