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Senator César J. Blanco's Legislation to Support Military Infrastructure Signed by Governor Greg Abbott

Austin, Texas – Today, Governor Greg Abbott ceremonially signed House Bill 3399, sponsored by Senator César J. Blanco last session. H.B. 3399 authorizes the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to enter into agreements with the Department of Defense or another federal entity to provide road services on military installations to assist with maintenance, improvement, relocation, or extension services of existing roads.

"I'm happy to see that this historic intergovernmental partnership made it to the Governor's desk with bipartisan support last session," said Senator César J. Blanco. "With the support from the state, military installations across Texas now have more resources to help improve their infrastructure and protect our communities."

This legislation was a key priority for the Texas Military Preparedness Commission to support our military installations in Texas.

Senator Blanco also added, "Our military installations generate \$67 billion in state Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and support over 235,000 Texas jobs. I look forward to continuing to support our military installations and military families and their economic contributions to the State of Texas."

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Senator César J. Blanco is a US Navy Veteran and proudly represents the people of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, and Reeves counties in the Texas Senate. In the 88th Texas Legislature, Senator Blanco serves as a member of the Senate Committees on Health & Human Services; Natural Resources & Economic Development; Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs; Veteran Affairs; and Border Security. He has been named a Best Legislator by Texas Monthly Magazine.