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Senator César J. Blanco Reflects on a Successful 89th Texas Legislative Session

Austin, Texas – Today, the Texas Senate adjourned Sine Die, marking the end of the 89th Texas legislative session. In his third session in the Texas Senate, Senator César J. Blanco achieved significant legislative and funding victories for El Paso and West Texas.

Senator Blanco successfully passed 34 bills as the primary author or sponsor. Notably, Senator Blanco championed and passed legislation focused on creating workforce and educational opportunities for young adults, protecting small businesses from cyberattacks, expanding access to healthcare, spurring economic development and job creation in West Texas, enhancing public safety in the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, advancing manufacturing modernization, and promoting renewable energy generation.

Senator Blanco was also instrumental as a co-author on SB 4/SB 23 and HB 2 in securing \$10 billion for additional property tax relief and \$8.5 billion in new funding for public education, respectively. Senator Blanco also secured over \$146 million in the State Budget for local projects and programs, to create a healthier and brighter future for working families in El Paso and West Texas.

Senator César J. Blanco issued the following statement:

"It is an honor and privilege to serve the hard-working people of El Paso, Big Bend, and the Permian Basin in the Texas Senate. Making a positive difference in their lives has always been my north star. And with the 89 legislative session behind us, I am proud of what we accomplished for West Texas families.

"Together, we delivered economic relief and opportunity for working families — providing property tax relief, expanding access to childcare and health care, investing in water infrastructure, raising teacher pay, historic funding for public schools, creating good-paying jobs, and protecting our environment and natural resources.

"When we put people before politics, real change is possible, and these wins prove it. I'm looking forward to getting back home, meeting with constituents, and sharing our accomplishments from this session."