

1-1 By: Muñoz, Jr. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.C.R. No. 119  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 24, 2015;  
1-3 May 24, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Administration; May 26, 2015, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 26, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Uresti	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Eltife			X	
1-11 Huffines	X			
1-12 Schwertner	X			
1-13 West	X			

1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The framers of the Constitution established the  
1-17 United States as a representative democracy that relies on civic  
1-18 engagement; and

1-19 WHEREAS, A fundamental element of effective democracy is the  
1-20 principle that all eligible citizens should participate in fair and  
1-21 open elections; however, the Rio Grande Valley has historically low  
1-22 voter turnout; and

1-23 WHEREAS, Rio Grande Valley residents increased their  
1-24 registration rates by 72 percent between 2010 and 2014;  
1-25 nevertheless, only about 24 percent of registered voters cast a  
1-26 ballot in the 2014 mid-term election; and

1-27 WHEREAS, In order to reach those who have not fully embraced  
1-28 their rights and responsibilities as citizens, the community must  
1-29 expand opportunities for voter education and nonpartisan voter  
1-30 registration; vital contributions in this regard can be made by  
1-31 grassroots organizations, by the media, by educational, cultural,  
1-32 and religious institutions, and by other entities in both the  
1-33 public and private sector; and

1-34 WHEREAS, Across the Rio Grande Valley, there is an urgent  
1-35 need to increase participation in the electoral process; now,  
1-36 therefore, be it

1-37 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-38 hereby designate September as Valley Voter Awareness Month; and, be  
1-39 it further

1-40 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section  
1-41 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
1-42 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally  
1-43 passed by the legislature.

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