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Geography is destiny. In that sense, Texas and México were born together, and their geography has long dictated that they should acknowledge and embrace a common destiny.

Yet, from their birth, México and Texas have drifted apart. Still, the gravitational pull of their geography has bound them together again. Their bilateral relationship, though complicated, is increasingly and inextricably interdependent.

The last few decades have in fact been years of convergence. Economically, socially, culturally, ethnically — Texas and México are converging. The numbers tell the story. This presentation will examine how México and Texas have moved closer and how they can reset their relationship for the 21st Century.

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