A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF HB 1000 AND SB 24
RELATING TO THE CREATION OF A NEW UNIVERSITY IN SOUTH TEXAS WITHIN
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce (BCOC) is a member driven business
organization whose principal mission is to advance the business interests of its members through
leadership, civic engagement, promotion, support and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2012, the Chancellor of the University of Texas, Dr. Francisco G. Cigarroa
proposed an initiative to the University of Texas System Board of Regents to establish a new
university that includes the University of Texas at Brownsville, the University of Texas-Pan American
and the future South Texas School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, on the very same day the Board of Regents unanimously approved this initiative which
would result in a single institution that spans the entire Rio Grande Valley, with a presence in each of
the major metropolitan areas of Brownsville, Edinburg, Harlingen and McAllen; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2013 HB 1000 and companion bill SB 24 were filed which authorizes the
UT System Board of Regents to abolish the University of Texas at Brownsville and the University of
Texas Pan American and create a university with academic campuses in Cameron and Hidalgo
Counties, an academic center in Starr County and a medical school, the location which would be
determined by a committee established by the board of regents, and

WHEREAS, if approved by the Texas legislature it would make this new institution eligible for
revenue from Permanent University Fund (FUF) – a major catalyst for building a world class research
facility of higher learning complemented with a school of medicine for the entire Rio Grande Valley;
and

WHEREAS, the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce recognizes that this is one of the largest
educational and economic development opportunities for our region; and.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce unanimously
expresses its strong support for HB 1000 and SB 24 to create a new university and a medical school in
the Rio Grande Valley and respectfully requests that all elected leaders of the 83rd Legislative Session
support this initiative.

Done this 27th day of February, 2013

[Signature]
Alex Martinez
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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Angela R. Burton, IOM, CPM
President/CEO