RESOLUTION NO. 2092

STATE OF TEXAS § RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UTPA AND UTB UNIVERSITY MERGER
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §
CITY OF EDINBURG §

WHEREAS, The University of Texas System Board of Regents has unanimously endorsed the creation of a new South Texas University to serve the Lower Rio Grande Valley through the consolidation of The University of Texas-Pan American, The University of Texas at Brownsville, and a new medical school; and,

WHEREAS, with a projected enrollment of almost 28,000 students, the new university would rank as one of the two largest Hispanic-serving institutions in the nation; it would be exceptionally well-positioned to capitalize on the area’s bicultural heritage, rapid population growth, and strategic border location, creating widespread economic benefits, addressing the Rio Grande Valley’s critical need for health care, and strengthening the state’s ability to compete in an increasingly global economy; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of this emerging research university and school of medicine in the Lower Rio Grande Valley will be an engine of prosperity and will benefit all Texans now and in the years to come; in order for the proposed merger and related plans to take final effect and for the institution to gain access to the Permanent University Fund, the Texas Legislature must take action, and we urge them to complete the approval process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edinburg City Council hereby recognizes and supports the merger of the University of Texas Brownsville and University of Texas Pan American for the creation of a new University to include a medical school that will no doubt benefit Edinburg and the Rio Grande Valley for generations to come.

READ, CONSIDERED, PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Edinburg, Texas, at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with Vernon’s Texas Codes Ann., Government Code, Section 551.041, on the 19th day of March, 2013.

CITY OF EDINBURG

By: Richard H. Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Myra Ayala Garza, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Palacios & Associates, P.C.

By: City Attorney