RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS BOARD OF REGENTS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A VALLEY-WIDE EMERGING RESEARCH FACILITY AND MEDICAL SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED by the McAllen Independent School District:

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 ("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;

WHEREAS, 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;

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents also approved the allocation of $100 million over next 10 years to accelerate the pace of transitioning the Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen to a school of medicine;

WHEREAS, if approved by the Texas Legislature it would make this new institution eligible for revenue from Permanent University Fund (PUF) 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;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that this initiative would spur economic growth and create over 10,000 jobs initially and promote growth in high education opportunities;

WHEREAS, the McAllen Independent School District identifies this as one of the largest educational and economic development opportunities for the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, McAllen Independent School District wants to thank the Chancellor and the Board of Regents for their work to transform the educational landscape of the Rio Grande Valley and allow future generations an opportunity to succeed in the growing medical profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of McAllen Independent School District supports the efforts of the University Texas Board of Regents to establish a valley-wide research facility and medical school.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the McAllen Independent School District this 28th day of January, 2013.

ATTEST
Debbie Crane Aliseda Secretary, Board of Trustees McAllen Independent School District

Hilda Garza De-Shazo, President Board of Trustees McAllen Independent School District