RESOLUTION R-2013-07

Whereas, The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr, Texas unanimously approved an initiative to authorize Chancellor Francisco G. Cigarroa to work with the Texas Legislature to establish a new university that includes the University of Texas-Pan American, the University of Texas-Brownsville, and a medical school to be located in the Rio Grande Valley; and

Whereas, approval will unite the entities into one regional emerging research university and will become the only emerging researching university with a medical school; and

Whereas, this unified university will be the second largest Hispanic institution in the nation; and

Whereas, the new university will capitalize on its location along the border and will enhance bicultural and bi-literate education for this rapidly growing population;

Whereas, this new university may become eligible for revenue from the Permanent University Fund, a major catalyst for building a world-class research university; and

Whereas, this new university and medical school is predicted to generate approximately 7,000 new jobs with an average salary of approximately $63,000 in South Texas.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the City of Pharr supports the creation of a new University with an accompanying medical school in the Rio Grande Valley with a presence in Brownsville, Edinburg, Harlingen, McAllen, and Rio Grande City.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF PHARR, TEXAS On this the 5th day of February, 2013.

CITY OF PHARR

LEOPOLDO “POLO” PALACIOS, JR. MAYOR

ATTEST:

HILDA PEDRAZA, CITY CLERK