RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, the RGVHCC notes that the new University will have access to the Permanent University Fund (PUF), dollars that have been constitutionally out of reach for the Valley higher education institutions;

WHEREAS, the RGVHCC notes that the new University will generate up to 10,000 new jobs with an average salary of $63,000;

WHEREAS, the RGVHCC notes that the new University will create more graduate and doctoral programs for our students;

WHEREAS, the RGVHCC notes that the new University will capitalize on its location along the border through bicultural and biliterate education and research;

WHEREAS, the RGVHCC notes that the new University will be the second largest Hispanic Serving Institution in the nation;

WHEREAS, the RGVHCC notes that the new University will become the only emerging research University and Medical School;

WHEREAS, the RGVHCC notes that the new University will be eligible to receive matching research funds from the State and UT System;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB1000 AND SB24 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.
DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAMACC ON THIS THE 16TH DAY of JANUARY, 2013.

ISRAEL ROCHA
Chairman of the Board
RGV Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

ATTTEST:

CYNTHIA M. SAKULENZKI
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