VALLEY VIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #12/13-05

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORTING THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS BOARD OF REGENTS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A VALLEYWIDE EMERGING RESEARCH FACILITY AND MEDICAL SCHOOL.

WHEREAS; on February 25, 2013, 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, 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, the Board of Regents also approved the allocation of $100 million over the next 10 years to accelerate the pace of transitioning the Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen to a school of medicine; and

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; and

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; and

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

WHEREAS, Valley View ISD 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 by the Board of Trustees;

That the resolution of support for the University of Texas Board of Regents efforts to establish a valley-wide emerging research facility and medical school reflect the approved policies of the Valley View Independent School District.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of the Valley View Independent School District this 25th day of February, 2013.
APPROVED:

Jose A. Basillo, President
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Francisco Jimenez, Secretary
Board of Trust