

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38

**WHEREAS**, The Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement (VIDA) was recently awarded a \$3 million Nursing Expansion Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded by local faith and business leaders in 1995, VIDA works to establish partnerships with other groups in the Rio Grande Valley to help residents secure jobs while addressing the need for a skilled workforce; this year, the nonprofit is one of just 25 organizations nationwide and the only one in Texas selected to receive the Nursing Expansion Grant; the funds will be used to expand training opportunities in nursing and allied health occupations; and

**WHEREAS**, VIDA places its participants in one-year certificate programs and two-year associate's degree programs in such subjects as allied health, manufacturing, technology, business, and education and social services; in addition, students may train for careers as police officers, paralegals, web developers, dental hygienists, and vocational nurses, among many other fields; and

**WHEREAS**, While completing their studies and pursuing careers, VIDA's participants have access to a wide range of support services, career guidance initiatives, and financial assistance programs; the organization also hosts monthly case management sessions to help students overcome challenges, and it provides soft-skills training during group sessions; and

**WHEREAS**, For nearly three decades, VIDA has empowered countless area Texans to improve their lives and build a brighter future for themselves and their families, and the funding provided by the U.S. Department of Labor will help the organization to further this important goal; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement on receiving a \$3 million Nursing Expansion Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor and extend to all those affiliated with the organization sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for VIDA as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on July 13, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate