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S.R. No. 38

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for VIDA as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 Senate.