

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 492

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the chess program of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley on its many contributions to the appreciation of chess in the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, Since the late 1980s, the City of Brownsville has maintained a stellar reputation in school chess competitions across the nation; this renown has grown with the establishment in 2015 of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and the school's chess program, which has attracted world-class players; and

WHEREAS, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley has contributed immeasurably to the game of chess in Texas and has hosted local tournaments as well as state championships; in 2023, the team will host the Texas Women's Championship, the Texas Girls' Championship, the Texas Grade Championships, and the Texas Collegiate Super Finals; the university also offers an upper-level course on the mathematics of chess, the second course of its kind to be offered by a university in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Under the exemplary leadership of chess coach Bartek Maciejka and manager Alex Mista, the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley chess program has enjoyed great success, and the team has retained its number one ranking in Texas for many years; the team's previous victories include winning the world-class Kasparov Chess Foundation University Cup in 2021 and 2022 and the Collegiate Chess League competition in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the educators and students of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley have consistently demonstrated superior skill and great dedication to chess competition, and they are indeed deserving of special recognition for their outstanding accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley chess program on their many achievements and extend to all best wishes for continued success in their endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the team as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

LaMantia

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 27, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate