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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley chess team
2 furthered its legacy of success by becoming co-champions of the
3 2025 President's Cup tournament, held April 5 and 6 in Dallas; and

4 WHEREAS, The Vaqueros qualified for the President's Cup with
5 their victory at the Pan-American Intercollegiate Team
6 Championship in January; on the last day of that tournament, the
7 UTRGV A Team bested The University of Texas at Dallas, earning a
8 perfect score of six points after winning all six of its matches;
9 the Vaqueros were the only team among the 91 competing squads to
10 execute a flawless performance; and

11 WHEREAS, UTRGV entered the President's Cup tournament ranked
12 fourth out of the four qualifying teams, but its players remained
13 undaunted; the Vaqueros opened the event against Webster
14 University, splitting the match in a 2-2 draw, and the second round
15 contest with Saint Louis University also ended in a 2-2 tie; going
16 into the final round against UT Dallas, UTRGV trailed the leading
17 teams by a half point, but the Vaqueros rallied to finish with a
18 total score of 7, tying Webster University for a share of the
19 championship; the team's performance earned UTRGV its fourth
20 national title, adding to the three consecutive wins the program
21 achieved beginning in 2018; and

22 WHEREAS, The UTRGV team benefited from the contributions of
23 grandmasters Gleb Dudin, Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux, and Jose Cardoso
24 Cardoso, and international master Jakub Fus; over the course of the

1 year, these talented players benefited from the able guidance of
2 coach Bartek Maciejka; and

3 WHEREAS, By collecting four President's Cup crowns in seven
4 years, the UT Rio Grande Valley team has distinguished itself as a
5 powerhouse in collegiate chess, and the 2025 Vaquero competitors
6 may indeed reflect with pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
9 hereby congratulate The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley chess
10 team on earning a share of the national championship at the 2025
11 President's Cup tournament and extend to all those associated with
12 the program sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 Senate.