

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rio Grande Valley Higher Education Day is taking
2 place at the State Capitol on January 30, 2013, and this worthwhile
3 event highlights the important contributions made by The University
4 of Texas-Pan American, The University of Texas at Brownsville, and
5 the Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen operated by The
6 University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; and

7 WHEREAS, Located in Edinburg, The University of Texas-Pan
8 American has an enrollment of more than 19,000 students; in recent
9 years, UTPA has ranked second in the nation in the number of
10 bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanic students and third in the
11 number of master's degrees; in addition, it has been rated by
12 Excelencia in Education as one of the top 25 U.S. universities
13 graduating Latinos in the fields of engineering, mathematics and
14 statistics, biological and biomedical sciences, and the physical
15 sciences; along with its numerous other accomplishments, the
16 university has built a notable record of achievement in readying
17 students for legal studies through its Law School Preparation
18 Institute; and

19 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Brownsville, which serves
20 over 13,000 students, offers a broad range of educational
21 opportunities and has placed among the top 30 colleges in the nation
22 in graduating Hispanic undergraduates; in carrying out its mission,
23 UTB gives special emphasis to service learning and collaboration
24 with leaders in such fields as educational development,

1 biomedicine, and astronomy; it is unique among universities in the
2 UT System in offering 17 fully online programs, and the quality of
3 its online offerings has received national acclaim from *U.S. News &*
4 *World Report*; UTB is also making a point of reaching out to younger
5 learners with its innovative Brownsville Early College High School
6 program; and

7 WHEREAS, The Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen is
8 a satellite campus of The University of Texas Health Science Center
9 at San Antonio; it provides third-year and fourth-year medical
10 students with a chance to gain valuable clinical experience as they
11 complete their studies; moreover, the center recently added a basic
12 research campus and a clinical research facility that will study
13 diabetes and other diseases that disproportionately affect
14 residents of the South Texas border area; and

15 WHEREAS, Indispensable educational resources, these
16 respected institutions have helped countless Texans to prepare
17 themselves for future success, and they bring myriad benefits to
18 the wider community; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize January 30, 2013, as Rio Grande Valley
21 Higher Education Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
22 delegation sincere best wishes for a memorable trip to Austin.

Oliveira
Canales
Gooden
Guillen
Longoria
Lucio III
Munoz, Jr.

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 249

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 249 was adopted by the House on January 30, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House