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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.