SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 89

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the residents of South Texas in celebrating January 30, 2013, as Rio Grande Valley Higher Education Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Three University of Texas satellite campuses will participate in the gathering; events will include a musical performance and the opportunity for students and faculty to meet state legislators; and

WHEREAS, The University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg boasts more than 19,000 students and has a national reputation; it ranks second in the country for graduating Hispanic students with a bachelor's degree and fourth in the nation in the number of Hispanics who receive a master's degree; and

WHEREAS, The University of Texas-Brownsville is advancing science with its on-site technological programs; the biology department and student divers regularly gather environmental data from artificial reefs in the Gulf of Mexico; the university is also building an advanced radio telescope at the Port Mansfield Spaceport with funding from the United States Defense Department; and

WHEREAS, The University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio Regional Academic Health Center is a burgeoning institution, with campuses in Harlingen and Edinburg, that has the goal of creating a free-standing medical school in South Texas; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend all those participating in Rio Grande Valley Higher Education Day at the State Capitol and extend to them best wishes for an exciting celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this occasion.

Hinojosa, Lucio, Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 30, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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