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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of
2 Medicine, scheduled to open in the fall of 2016, has been awarded a
3 \$2.88 million grant through the United Health Foundation "Helping
4 Build Healthier Communities" initiative; and

5 WHEREAS, This generous contribution will support the
6 creation of the Colonia Integrated Care Program: VIDAS (Valley
7 Inter-professional Development and Services), a project to improve
8 health care access in unincorporated border communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Through mobile clinics and telecommunication
10 technologies, the program will promote wellness education, offer
11 screenings, and provide dental and mental health services; it will
12 also aim to formalize training for and increase the number of
13 skilled promotoras, health workers who connect the health care
14 system with colonia residents through shared language and culture;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The United Health Foundation endowment will provide
17 the Colonia Integrated Care Program an opportunity to transform
18 health care in underserved areas, and this vital objective will
19 benefit countless Texans; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate The University of Texas Rio Grande
22 Valley School of Medicine on its receipt of a grant from the United
23 Health Foundation and commend all those working to develop the
24 Colonia Integrated Care Program; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for the institution as an expression of high regard by the
3 Texas House of Representatives.