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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Boys and Girls Clubs of Edinburg Rio Grande
2 Valley is celebrating the organization's 45th anniversary in 2015;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Incorporated in 1969, the Boys and Girls Clubs of
5 Edinburg RGV is an agent of the City of Edinburg and an affiliate of
6 the Boys and Girls Clubs of America; it serves nearly 20,000
7 youngsters annually, including almost 8,000 registered members,
8 providing them with places to learn, express creativity, develop
9 social skills, and play sports; since 2006, the club has been guided
10 by Sabrina Walker-Hernandez, who is only the third executive
11 director in its history; and

12 WHEREAS, The club today has 13 professionally staffed charter
13 sites, including 9 school locations, a public housing site, and 3
14 traditional neighborhood buildings; its Legacy Center opened in
15 2011, providing members with a state-of-the-art flagship facility;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to their other services, the Boys and
18 Girls Clubs place a special emphasis on helping youths reach their
19 goals through education; since the late 1990s, the group has
20 provided more than \$1.4 million in college scholarships, and 92
21 percent of its current members expect to pursue college studies;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Boys and Girls Clubs of
24 Edinburg Rio Grande Valley organization has helped improve the

1 lives of countless area young people, encouraging academic
2 achievement and nurturing the qualities necessary for them to make
3 positive contributions in their community and beyond; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Boys and Girls Clubs of
7 Edinburg Rio Grande Valley on the group's 45th anniversary and
8 extend to all those associated with this noteworthy organization
9 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the club as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.