**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 773**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Chris King for his exemplary service as director of athletics at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, In over nine years of leadership in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Chris King has raised the standard of Division I Athletics and shaped a thriving department that proudly represents the Rio Grande Valley campus and strives to inspire excellence in the classroom, in competition, and in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, the university is ranked second in the Western Athletic Conference, and it has won a combined total of 36 individual and team championship titles since joining the conference in 2013; athletes have also set new records in hours of service and volunteering, outreach, and campus engagement while outperforming the general student body in both grade point average and graduation rates; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. King and his staff have made great strides in increasing general fund-raising, ticket sales, and corporate sponsorships; new funding streams have made possible extensive renovations to existing facilities and the construction of new, state-of-the-art playing fields and training centers; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris King is a highly esteemed athletic administrator who has fostered a culture of integrity at the university and helped the intercollegiate athletics department establish a solid foundation for future prosperity; he is moving on to serve as vice president and director of athletics at his alma mater, Robert Morris University, in Pennsylvania; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commend Chris King for helping to shape a leading athletics department at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and extend to him best wishes for continued success in the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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