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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley chess team
2 continued its record of success by claiming its second consecutive
3 national title at the 2019 President's Cup tournament, held at the
4 Marshall Chess Club in New York City on April 6 and 7; and

5 WHEREAS, The Vaqueros returned to the President's Cup
6 following their impressive performance in the 2018 Pan-American
7 Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships; in that contest, the
8 squad placed fifth, qualifying for the national tournament and
9 earning the chance to defend UTRGV's crown; and

10 WHEREAS, Facing off against the top teams in the country in
11 the "Final Four" of collegiate chess, UTRGV made a fine showing at
12 the President's Cup, besting The University of Texas at Dallas,
13 Harvard University, and six-time champion Webster University to win
14 the ultimate prize; and

15 WHEREAS, Members of the UTRGV chess team include grandmasters
16 Hovhannes Gabuzyan, Vladimir Belous, Kamil Dragun, and Andrey
17 Stukopin and international master Guillermo Vazquez; these
18 accomplished players were inspired to perform at the top of their
19 game by coach Bartek Macieja, and they further benefited from the
20 guidance of program manager Aleksander Mista and Dr. Douglas
21 Stoves, associate dean of students for student rights and
22 responsibilities at UTRGV; and

23 WHEREAS, Through considerable skill, hard work, and an
24 unwavering commitment to excellence, the Vaqueros have furthered

1 their school's reputation as a chess powerhouse, and they will
2 forever cherish their memories of this latest championship
3 achievement; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate the chess team of The University of
6 Texas Rio Grande Valley on winning the 2019 President's Cup and
7 extend to all those associated with the team sincere best wishes for
8 continued success; and, be it further

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