

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley received
2 the Large Employer Award from the Governor's Committee on People
3 with Disabilities at its Lex Frieden Employment Awards ceremony on
4 October 26, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Each October, in conjunction with National
6 Disability Employment Awareness Month, the Governor's Committee
7 recognizes Texans who have devoted themselves to empowering their
8 employees, coworkers, and fellow Texans with disabilities; the
9 awards program is named in tribute to disability rights expert Lex
10 Frieden, one of the chief architects of the Americans with
11 Disabilities Act; and

12 WHEREAS, Located in Edinburg, The University of Texas
13 Rio Grande Valley is dedicated to upholding equal employment
14 opportunity and affirmative action principles; UTRGV was nominated
15 for the Large Employer Award for its work with Texas
16 Workforce - Vocational Rehab to place individuals with
17 disabilities in various human resources departments; in addition,
18 the school has established the Sustainable Opportunities for
19 Advancement and Recruitment project, which prepares young adults
20 with autism for their professional careers; through the SOAR
21 project, the university collaborates with Texas Workforce
22 Solutions VR Services, the Valley Association for Independent
23 Living, and the Disability Chamber of Commerce-Rio Grande Valley to
24 address all aspects of the employment experience; and

1 WHEREAS, Through its outstanding contributions, The
2 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley has advanced the mission of
3 building an inclusive, accessible work environment for Texans with
4 disabilities, and the institution is richly deserving of this
5 prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate The
8 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley on receiving the 2023 Large
9 Employer Award from the Governor's Committee on People with
10 Disabilities Lex Frieden Employment Awards program and extend to
11 its administrators, faculty, staff, and students sincere best
12 wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the university as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 60

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 60 was adopted by the House on
December 5, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House