R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley has earned

2   impressive   ratings   from   three   college   ranking   organizations,

3   *U.S. News   and   World   Report*,   *Washington   Monthly*,   and

4   DegreeChoices.com; and

5   WHEREAS, One of the longest-established college ranking

6   systems in the country, *U.S. News and World Report* has evaluated

7   nearly 1,500 academic institutions for its 2023-2024 Best Colleges

8   list, and UTRGV has climbed 72 positions since last year to place

9   227th   among   all   national   universities;   *U.S.   News*   has   also

10   recognized UTRGV in a number of other areas, including as third for

11   its undergraduate teaching and first in social mobility among

12   public universities statewide; overall, the school placed sixth

13   among   public   universities   in   Texas   and   123rd   among   public

14   universities across the nation; and

15   WHEREAS, *Washington Monthly* awards points to universities

16   that encourage civic engagement, promote economic growth, and help

17   non-wealthy students earn remunerative degrees; based on those

18   criteria, UTRGV was designated as the top university in Texas and

19   the 31st among all public universities in the nation at the start of

20   the 2023-2024 academic year; the university also earned first place

21   rankings statewide and high rankings nationally for performance of

22   Pell Grant students, net price of attendance, and social mobility;

23   and

24   WHEREAS, DegreeChoices.com   annually   ranks   hundreds   of

1 colleges and universities from across the United States on the
2 economic return that students could expect from attending their
3 respective schools; this year, UTRGV has placed third for best
4 colleges in Texas and earned high ratings in the national
5 categories for master's in social work programs and bachelor's
6 programs in criminal justice; in addition, the school placed first
7 among Texas public universities for best relative economic value,
8 and overall, it ranked seventh among national public schools and
9 15th among all schools in the nation; and

10   WHEREAS, Through its steadfast commitment to accessible,
11 high-quality education, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
12 is making an invaluable contribution to higher education in the
13 Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring the school
14 for its many achievements; now, therefore, be it

15   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
16 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate The
17 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley on being recognized by
18 *U.S. News and World Report*, *Washington Monthly*, and
19 DegreeChoices.com, and extend to all those involved with the school
20 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

21   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for UTRGV as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.