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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley is
2 celebrating its 10th anniversary in August 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, Known for its broad range of academic programs,
4 affordable tuition, and supportive campus environment, The
5 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley is an award-winning
6 institution that has conveyed more than 56,000 degrees since
7 opening its doors in 2015; and

8 WHEREAS, Significant accomplishments during the university's
9 first decade of operation include adding 42 new bachelor's,
10 master's, doctoral, and professional degree programs and an
11 increase in research expenditures of nearly 600 percent; ongoing
12 student success is reflected in the university's record-breaking
13 enrollment, retention, and graduation rates; and

14 WHEREAS, This exemplary institution made historic strides in
15 medical education when it opened the only school of medicine in
16 South Texas in 2016, and it has since expanded quality health care
17 services in the region with 25 clinical care sites throughout the
18 Rio Grande Valley; and

19 WHEREAS, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley opened the
20 state's first School of Podiatric Medicine in 2022 and will further
21 expand student opportunities with the opening of the region's first
22 comprehensive academic cancer and surgery center in 2025 and the
23 state's second School of Optometry in 2027; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2021, the university's Student Government

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1 Association executed a student referendum that would enhance campus
2 life by adding a Division I Football Championship Subdivision team
3 and other programs, and in the fall of 2025, the football team will
4 kick off its inaugural season and establish the first Division I
5 college football program at the university and in the region; and

6 WHEREAS, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley has earned
7 national acclaim for its commitment to value, social mobility, and
8 economic impact and has been ranked the number one university in
9 Texas in 2023 and 2024 by *Washington Monthly* magazine and the number
10 one best public university in Texas for value and social mobility by
11 *The Wall Street Journal*; the school has further gained recognition
12 as a community engaged university by the Carnegie Foundation; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
15 Legislature hereby commemorate the 10th anniversary of The
16 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and extend to its leaders,
17 faculty, and staff congratulations on a decade of success and best
18 wishes for the future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the university as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.

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Burrows	Guerra	Morales Shaw
Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
Gámez	Martinez	VanDeaver
Garcia of Bexar	Martinez Fischer	Vasut
Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morales of Harris	Wu
Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 761 was adopted by the House on April 3, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House