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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

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.