

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A group of 13 dedicated students from The University
2 of Texas Rio Grande Valley has rendered outstanding service to the
3 Texas Legislature during the 89th Session as participants in the
4 Rio Grande Valley Legislative Internship Program and the Texas
5 Legislative Fellowship Program; and

6 WHEREAS, The Rio Grande Valley Legislative Internship
7 Program, also known as VLIP, offers undergraduate and graduate
8 students at UTRGV an opportunity to learn about the legislative
9 process and to build valuable real-world experience while putting
10 their skills and knowledge to work; each intern is placed with a
11 legislative office and receives academic credit for their
12 participation; and

13 WHEREAS, This year's class of VLIP interns includes Lia
14 Cavazos-Garcia, who is working in the office of Representative
15 Sergio Muñoz Jr., Venisha Colon in the office of Representative
16 Terry Canales, Angela Shekinah Flores in the office of
17 Representative Oscar Longoria, Natalie Garcia in the office of
18 Senator Adam Hinojosa, Brianna Garza Skurka in the office of
19 Representative Armando "Mando" Martinez, Paulina King Benitez in
20 the office of Senator Judith Zaffirini, Laela Ovalle in the office
21 of Representative R. D. "Bobby" Guerra, Sylvia Giselle Rodriguez in
22 the office of Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, Marleen Yvette Salazar
23 in the office of Representative Erin Elizabeth Gámez, Samantha
24 Sandoval in the office of Representative Janie Lopez, and Randall

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1 Treviño in the office of Representative Ryan Guillen; and

2 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislative Fellowship Program was
3 established by The University of Texas System for the 89th
4 Legislative Session; two students from UTRGV participated in the
5 internship opportunity, providing valuable service, acumen, and
6 knowledge to their respective offices; this year's interns include
7 Sophia Lopez, who is working in the office of Lieutenant Governor
8 Dan Patrick, and Dua Manganhar in the office of Representative Erin
9 Elizabeth Gámez; and

10 WHEREAS, The members of these two notable groups have
11 performed their duties as legislative interns with great skill and
12 diligence, and they are indeed deserving of special recognition for
13 their fine work; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
15 Legislature hereby commend the participants in the Rio Grande
16 Valley Legislative Internship Program and the Texas Legislative
17 Fellowship Program for their contributions to the Texas Legislature
18 and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success in all
19 their endeavors; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
21 for the interns as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
22 of Representatives.

Martinez
Lopez of Cameron

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1295 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House