

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE ECISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE
2013 TEXAS OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BOARD OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Edinburg Consolidated School District's Board of Trustees understands that a safe school environment is conducive to learning, therefore, they strive for their goal of "Securing a Safe Learning Environment"; and

WHEREAS, the ECISD Board of Trustees oversees a district that encompasses two thirds of Hidalgo County and serves 34,000 students and 4,500 teachers and employees; and

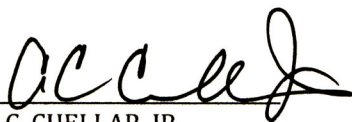
WHEREAS, following the December 2011 Harwell Middle School tragedy and the Newtown, Connecticut shooting, which reinforced ECISD Board of Trustees belief that the lives of students and staff are irreplaceable; the ECISD Board worked vigorously with school district's administrators, law enforcement, and parents to address school safety; thus embarking on the implementation of a Comprehensive School Safety Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the initiative included, safety audits conducted at every campus and plans implemented to improve safety; new schools were built to the 2008 Bond Code, with double-door entrances; a District Bullying Task Force was put into place to address school bullying, and memorandums were signed by city, state, county, and university law enforcement understanding the implementation; visitor identification systems along with video cameras were installed in schools district-wide and communication equipment was purchased for school principals to communicate directly with district police; and more importantly, ECISD now employs over 80 school police officers to provide protection with an armed school police officer placed at the entrance of each of the 31 elementary campuses; and


WHEREAS, through the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative, the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees was named the Region I School Board of the Year in July 2013, and a Texas Honor Board in August 2013. In September, the Board was selected out of five finalists as the 2013 Texas Outstanding School Board of the Year by the Texas Association of School Administrators; members of the Board of Trustees include: President Juan "Sonny" Palacios, Vice-President Dr. Martin Castillo, Board Secretary Jaime Solis, Member Jaime R. Chavana, Member Carmen Gonzalez, Member Robert Pena, Jr., and Member David Torres.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby honor and recognize the Edinburg Consolidated School District Board of Trustees for being recognized as the 2013 Texas Outstanding School Board of the Year and for its continued efforts towards "Securing a Safe Learning Environment" for the schools and students of ECISD.

Approved this 5th day of November, 2013.

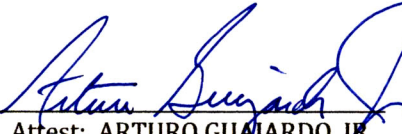

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Attest: ARTURO GUJARDO, JR.
Hidalgo County Clerk