

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM TO
PRESERVE LOCAL SCHOOL SPIRIT AND REGIONAL HISTORY BY
RETAINING THE BRONCS AS THE NEW UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO
GRANDE VALLEY MASCOT**

WHEREAS, the University of Texas System is attempting to eliminate the historic Broncs as the UTPA/UTRGV mascot; the prestigious Broncs name dates back to 1927 and is the mascot Rio Grande Valley children have grown to view as a symbol of a better future through higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Broncs mascot is associated with a National Title dating back to 1963 when the Pan American College Broncs Basketball Team won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Title; and was the motivational force of approximately 100 members representing various sports listed in the UTPA Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor; and


WHEREAS, UTRGV President Guy Bailey has stated "School colors and a mascot will instill pride and excitement in students and future alumni of UTRGV" and the Broncs mascot carries that established presence in the region and the allegiance of thousands of alumni spread across the world; and

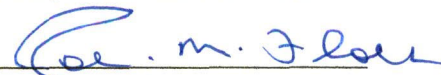
WHEREAS, the UTRGV Athletics Department will be based in Edinburg, home of the Broncs, and changing the mascot name will destroy the history and accomplishments of the athletic department; and


WHEREAS, thousands of students, alumni, as well as local community members want to retain the Broncs Mascot; the County of Hidalgo, home of the UTPA Broncs, strongly urges the UT System to keep the Broncs as the UTRGV mascot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court strongly urges the UT System to preserve local school spirit and regional history by retaining the Broncs as the new University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Mascot.

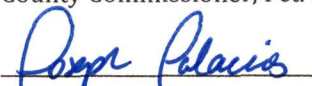
Approved this the 9th day of September, 2014.

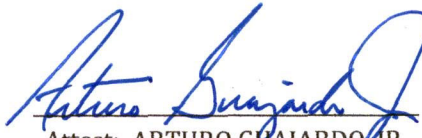

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