RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF HIDALGO COUNTY BRIGHT SPOTS IN HISPANIC EDUCATION

WHEREAS, in commemoration of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics 25th anniversary, over 230 programs, models, and organizations were selected as Bright Spots in Hispanic Education to highlight the tremendous progress Latinos are making in education; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2015 during the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at the White House in Washington D.C. , the Bright Spots in Education were announced including three programs in Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics was established in 1990 under the U.S. Department of Education. Today, nearly one in four students in our nation's public schools is a Hispanic youth and the Initiative recognizes that the future of our nation is closely connected to the future of our Hispanic communities; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County was well represented with three outstanding programs to receive the Bright Spot in Education recognition, the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley for its Undergraduate Research Conference, the Early College High School Program at South Texas College, and Code the Town developed by the Mission Economic Development Corporation, Sylvan Learning RGV and Border Kids Code; and

WHEREAS, the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics seeks to leverage these Bright Spots to encourage collaboration between stakeholders focused on similar issues in sharing data-driven approaches, promising practices, peer advice, and effective partnerships, ultimately resulting in increased support for the educational attainment of the Hispanic community, from cradle-to-career.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court recognizes the Hidalgo County Bright Spots in Hispanic Education for leading the efforts to support and increase the educational attainment of the Hispanic community.

Approved this 13th day of October 2015.

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk