

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM AT SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE ON ITS DESIGNATION AS A BRIGHT SPOT 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 the Early College High School (ECHS) program at South Texas College; 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

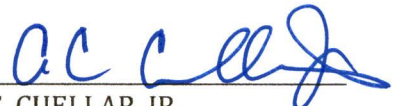
WHEREAS, established in 1997, the Early College High School program is designed to ensure that students from all circumstances have access to support systems structured to increase their likelihood of success at the postsecondary level; and

WHEREAS, ECHS students are able to earn college credits during high school so they have the opportunity to graduate high school with an Associate's Degree or having completed 60 college credit hours.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court recognizes South Texas College and the Early College High School program for creating an innovative model in student success.

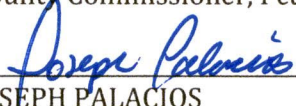
Approved this 13th day of October 2015.


RAMON GARCIA
County Judge


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County Commissioner, Pct. 1


EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2


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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO JR.
County Clerk