

RESOLUTION HONORING UTRGV'S TRADING ASSOCIATION (TTA) TEAM FOR WINNING THE 15TH ANNUAL CME GROUP TRADING CHALLENGE IN CHICAGO

WHEREAS, the CME Group, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, announced The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley as first-place winners of its 15th annual CME Group Trading Challenge on March 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the four-week electronic trading competition had more than 500 teams with over 2,100 students from college and universities in 37 countries participating. The annual competition is designed to provide students with an educational experience consistent with that of professional traders of commodity futures; and


WHEREAS, the UTRGV finance students defeated Kansas State University (U.S.), the University of Malaya (Malaysia), the Universidad de Bogota Jorge Tadeo Lozano (Colombia), and John Hopkins University (U.S.); and

WHEREAS, UTRGV's winning team included Christopher Martinez, Jose Naveja and Michael Villarreal and were led by faculty member Dr. Bruno Arthur, a lecturer in Economics and Finance, with the support of Dr. Andre Mollick, Chair of the Department of Economics and Finance; and

WHEREAS, since first competing in 2014, the local teams have helped bring global recognition to the University, their communities, and the entire Rio Grande Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby honors the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for its first place win in the 15th Annual CME Group Trading Challenge and congratulates all of the students who participated, the winning team members, and faculty on this noble success.

Approved this 15th day of May, 2018.



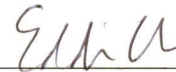
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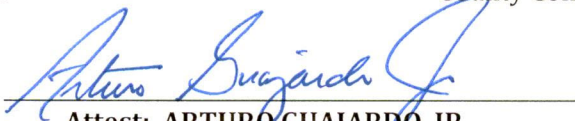


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Attest: **ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**

County Clerk