

Hidalgo County

Resolution congratulating UTRGV chess team

Whereas the UTRGV Chess Team has won its third consecutive President's Cup (Final Four), successfully defending its title as national collegiate chess champions to retain its first-place rankings from 2018 and 2019; and

Whereas typically held in New York City, the competition was cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but this year it was moved online, first time the Final Four has been held virtually rather than in person; and

Whereas UTRGV competed in the Final Four of Chess April 3-4 against the best collegiate chess teams in the nation: Webster University, St. Louis University and Texas Tech University; and

Whereas so far this year, UTRGV has won the Kasparov Chess Foundation University Cup and the International FIDE World University Online Blitz Championship. The Final Four was the last scheduled tournament of the spring semester; and

Whereas UTRGV Chess Coach Bartek Macieja shares how the win felt amazing because competition in the United States is so high and he is very proud of the students because they were so motivated and focused; and

Whereas the UTRGV Team consists of four team members; two from Poland, one from Armenia and one from Russia. In the final decisive round, UTRGV secured first place by beating Webster University 3.5-0.5; and

Whereas because this is the third consecutive President's Cup win for the UTRGV chess team, this means they have successfully defended their title as National Collegiate Chess Champions retaining its first-place ranking from 2018 and 2019.

Now therefore, be it resolved that Hidalgo County Commissioners Court congratulates the UTRGV Chess Team and applauds them for their third consecutive win and for excelling despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Approved this 20th day of April, 2021.



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