

RESOLUTION 2013-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF STATE LEGISLATION TO CONSOLIDATE THE FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - PAN AMERICAN, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE, AND THE REGIONAL ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER INTO A SINGLE INSTITUTION WITHIN AND AS PROPOSED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM AND FOR SUCH INSTITUTION TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE PERMANENT UNIVERSITY FUND

WHEREAS, The University of Texas System Board of Regents has unanimously endorsed the creation of a new institution to serve the Lower Rio Grande Valley through the consolidation of the University of Texas – Pan American, The University of Texas at Brownsville, and a transformed Regional Academic Health Center; and

WHEREAS, the new institution would emerge as a research university with Tier One potential and incorporate a long-anticipated independent, comprehensive South Texas medical school greatly expanding educational opportunities, health care access, and economic development throughout the Lower Rio Grande Valley; and


WHEREAS, the City of La Feria located in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas embraces expanding educational opportunities, health care access, and economic development throughout the Lower Rio Grande Valley which will benefit all Texans, now and in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, in order for the proposed merger and related plans to take final effect and for the institution to gain access to the Permanent University Fund, the Texas Legislature must take action, and measures are being introduced to complete the approval process,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA THAT:

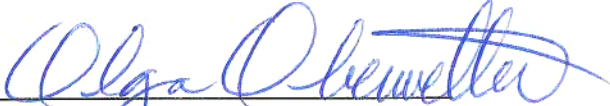
1. State legislation to consolidate the facilities and programs of The University of Texas – Pan American, The University of Texas at Brownsville, and the Regional Academic Health Center into a single institution within and as proposed by The University of Texas System be enacted, and
2. All those involved with the approval of the plan be commended for taking action.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2013.




Lori Weaver, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney