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In Recognition of Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa's Service to the University of Texas System

IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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WHEREAS, Student Government serves as the official voice of students at The University of Texas at Austin; and,

WHEREAS, For five years, Francisco Cigarroa served as the Chancellor of the University of Texas System; and,

WHEREAS, Chancellor Cigarroa was the first Hispanic chancellor of the UT System and served as the president of the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio for eight years; and,

WHEREAS, Chancellor Cigarroa is the new head of the pediatric surgery unit at UT Health Science Center at San Antonio; and,

WHEREAS, Chancellor Cigarroa helped to create the Dell School of Medicine at UT Austin, and a new university and medical school in the Rio Grande Valley, collectively called the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; and,

WHEREAS, Chancellor Cigarroa advocated for student access and success through his "Framework for Advancing Excellence," a plan approved by the Board of Regents to advance the UT System's academic and health institutions; and,



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WHEREAS, Chancellor Cigarroa's "Framework for Advancing Excellence" received national acclaim and recognition by U.S. President Barack Obama and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan; and,

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Rubén Hinojosa has stated, "[Dr. Cigarroa's] personal path and many professional successes prove that the American Dream is achievable through higher education, hard work, and most importantly by giving back to our community;"¹ and

WHEREAS, University of Texas President Bill Powers has stated, "We are in a better place in Texas because of [Chancellor Cigarroa's] leadership;"² and,

WHEREAS, Governor of Texas Rick Perry has stated, "Francisco Cigarroa has been a strong proponent for the University system throughout his tenure, and his efforts will pay dividends for our state for many years to come;"³ and, therefore

RESOLVED, The University of Texas at Austin Student Government recognizes the distinguished career of Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa, commends his service to the university and UT System, and applauds him for his legacy defined by integrity, excellence and impeccable character; and,

RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to Mr. Francisco Cigarroa, Chancellor of the University of Texas System, Mr. Paul Foster, Chairman of the Board of Regents, The Office of the Board of Regents, The Office of the President, Mr. Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas, Mr. Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, and *The Daily Texan*.

¹ Hinojosa, Rubén. "HCI to Honor Dr. Francisco G. Cigarroa at 36th Annual Awards Gala." Washington, D.C. 2 Oct. 2013. *Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute*. Web. Last Accessed 05 April 2014.

² Powers, William. "Statement from President Powers on Chancellor Cigarroa's Resignation." *News*. The University of Texas at Austin, 10 Feb. 2014. Web. Last Accessed 05 April 2014.

³ Perry, Rick. "Gov. Rick Perry Statement on Chancellor Cigarroa Stepping Down from UT System." *News*. The State of Texas, 10 Feb. 2014. Web. Last Accessed 05 April 2014.