

## **CG: We Will Build Our Future**

### **December-6, 2012-UT Regents vote to create new university**

*SOT: Cigarroa: “Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, today we offer a monumental opportunity for the Board of Regents to make history to expand educational opportunities in South Texas beyond what we envision...”*

### **May 22, 2012 Texas Legislature passes Senate Bill 24**

*“With that...and with that members.... Bells ringing. Passes at 3<sup>rd</sup> reading”*

*Sot: Perry: Today the students of South Texas are able to stay closer to home to earn their college degrees. This area of the state is critical to our area of the state’s future and our investment in the children of South Texas will return to us a thousand fold”.*

### **July 16- Elation fills the air as Governor signs bill at campus**

*SOT: Perry: “ I have had some fabulous and wonderful moments as the Governor of Texas but I am not sure that I have ever had one that was any more impactful or one that I have enjoyed any more than being able to walk to that table and put my pen to paper and create the next great university in America...clapping”*

### **October 18, 2013-Working Committees Design New University**

*Sot: Havidan “The new university will not be possible without you. What a challenge and yet what an exciting opportunity but what an important responsibility”*

### **Nov. 20, 2013- First PUF Funding for New University**

*Sot: Regent Gene Powell:*

*“to bring the first PUF money ever in 130 years...clapping*

### **December 12, 2013-It’s UTRGV**

*Sot: Regent Aliseda*

*“I am proud to say I am from the Rio Grande Valley and I move that the UT System Board of Regents name the new university of South Texas...The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. “*

### **February 26, 2014-Enthusiastic Dean takes helm of medical school**

**Sot: Fernandez**

*“ I am truly honored to really be able to serve as the founding dean. It is an opportunity of a lifetime and one that I pledge to you all of my efforts and dedication”*

### **April 28, 2014 Regents select Guy Bailey as President**

*“What is going on here in the Rio Grande Valley is unique in the country. This is the first major university formed in the 21st century. If we do it right, what happens in the Valley will radiate all over the state and the nation.”*

*“The Valley has tremendous impact. The primary focus of UTRGV will be educating students – that is what we are here for, it is the most important thing we do”*

### **Aug. 26, 2014 Groundbreaking for First Building**

*SOT: Fernandez-“ by bringing the best and the brightest students, the best and brightest teachers, best and brightest doctors...we are going to improve not just health but life. life in the Rio Grande Valley.”*

### **Oct.13, 2014-South Texas Diabetes Institute Established**

**SOT: Blangero**

*“To focus our research on the local community in addition to having an impact on some of the most pressing public health problems facing our whole nation today.”*

### **Nov. 6, 2014- Iconic Vaquero to Represent UTRGV**

### **Dec.18, 2014-HEB \$ 1 million dollar gift-Harlingen**

*Linda Gump: "HEB is proud to partner with UTRGV and the South Texas Diabetes and Obesity Institute with a gift of 1 million dollars."*

**March 21, 2015- Students and parents Discover UTRGV**

*SOT:Maggie Hinojosa- "I hope you are as just as excited as we are to be part of the first class of UTRGV."*

**May 4, 2015- Kickin it up in Mercedes**

**May 22, 2015-Medical Residents cross threshold into residency**

*SOT: Fernandez: Today you are the foundation for a formidable learning environment for the medical school."*

*UTRGV Map fade to students*

*Student: "If this project didn't exist, I would have no other choice but to leave my friends, my family, my community to realize my dream"*

*Student: "The students of the Valley are ready to move. Ready to be move and be moved to become all that we truly can be"*

*Student: "Tomorrow students of this new university are going to be able to stay here in the valley and be happy and have hope."*

**Fade to CG: We Will Inspire the World**