

## *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 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.***

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**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
County Judge

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**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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**ELLIE TORRES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk