

## The Senate of The State of Texas

## SENATE PROCLAMATION NO. 370

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Chess Program for its many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Chess Team competes at the highest levels of state, national, and international tournaments under the leadership of senior program coordinator Alfonso Almeida and team coach Bartek Macieja, an international grand master; and

WHEREAS, The program has recruited many talented players who consistently demonstrate great skill and perseverance; as a result of the team's achievements, the campus has been selected to host several scholastic chess tournaments and events; and

WHEREAS, In addition to competing in tournaments, team members promote chess on campus and throughout the community; they provide ongoing training to students and faculty, and they have established outreach initiatives in many area schools; and

WHEREAS, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Chess Program has developed a strong and competitive chess team that has brought recognition to the university and to the region, and members can be justifiably proud of their outstanding reputation; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That the Senate of the State of Texas hereby commend participants in The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Chess Program for its success and many contributions to the community and extend to all who are a part of the program best wishes for the future; and, be it further

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this Proclamation be prepared for this exceptional chess program as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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Member, Texas Senat

I hereby certify that the above Proclamation was adopted.

Secretary of the Senate