



PROCLAMATION

*A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS,
RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY CHESS TEAM*

WHEREAS, for a second year in a row, the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) Chess Team was crowned the Texas Collegiate Super Finals champions after dominating their opponents – Texas Tech University and The University of Texas at Dallas – on Oct. 19-20, and in fact UTRGV repeated their victory from last year with both their A and B teams taking first and second place, respectively, making the Vaqueros Chess Team Back-2-Back State Champions; and

WHEREAS, the A Team members include Kamil Dragun, Grandmaster, junior accounting major from Gorzow Wielkopolski, Poland; Andrey Stukopin, Grandmaster, graduate student in math from Rostov, Russia; Vladimir Belous, Grandmaster, junior accounting major from Moscow, Russia; and Irakli Beradze, International Master, freshman computer engineering major from Tbilisi, Georgia; and B Team members include Ulvi Bararani, Grandmaster, graduate student in information technology from Baku, Azerbaijan; Carlos Hevia, Grandmaster, graduate student in computer science from Havana, Cuba; Felix Ynojosa, International Master, junior economics and finance major from Barinas, Venezuela; and Yannick Rajesh, International Master, senior computer engineering major from Paris, France; and


WHEREAS, the UTRGV A Team dominated the competition with three match points and 12 points on the board. The UTRGV B Team and Texas Tech A Team also each garnered three match points, but the UTRGV B Team narrowly succeeded them with 10.5 board points compared to their 9 board points; and

WHEREAS, the team is inspired to perform at the top of their game by coach Bartek Macieja, Grandmaster, and receive beneficial guidance from program manager Aleksander Mista and Associate Dean of Students for Student Rights and Responsibilities Dr. Douglas Stoves; and

WHEREAS, the team is the reigning National Champion and will travel to Charlotte, North Carolina to compete at the Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship, the competition being the qualifier for the Final Four of College Chess of the President's Cup. If successful, UTRGV will advance to New York City in April to defend their National Title for a third year in a row.

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION of the City of Brownsville, Texas, by virtue of the authority vested by the Charter of said City, and on behalf of all our citizens, do hereby proclaim **THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY CHESS TEAM** as **STATE CHAMPIONS** and further call upon the residents of Brownsville to celebrate this achievement by the students in our community.

DONE, on this, the 12th day of November 2019.



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