



League of United Latin American Citizens

SUPPORT OF A VETERANS AFFAIRS FULL SERVICE 24/7 HOSPITAL IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) estimates that more than 100,000 veterans reside in Deep South Texas, which have always been among the first to answer our country's call. In time of war; and

WHEREAS, the current and future health care needs of veterans residing in the deep South Texas area are not being completely met by the Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, VA officials insist that our veterans do not merit a VA Hospital in the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, because of the efforts of all veterans' organizations united and the support of elected officials at all levels of government of the Rio Grande Valley, veterans now have the "Valley-Costal Bend Health Care System," independent of the San Antonio HealthCare System; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the great State of Texas voted in favor of proposition 8, that provides money and/or land to the Veterans' Administration to construct a Veterans Hospital in the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, the veterans community has the utmost faith that our South Texas Legislative delegation in Austin, TX has the best interests of veterans at heart; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Valley has witnessed the birth of the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley, with a School of Medicine; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC National now calls on our Texas Legislative Delegation to include in their legislative agenda a joint resolution that calls for the great State of Texas to provide for its veterans what the VA has failed to provide, that is, to authorize construction of a Veterans Hospital in the Rio Grande Valley, in partnership with the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine.

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