

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF EDINBURG'S REQUEST FOR TXDOT
TO EXTEND THE LIMITS OF SH68 AND CONNECT TO INTERSTATE 69**

WHEREAS, since 1976, the City of Edinburg has invested over \$8 million to develop and construct the Edinburg Municipal Airport, an airport included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) to accommodate cargo planes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edinburg applied for the 165 acres surrounding the Edinburg Airport be designated as a Foreign Trade Zone,

WHEREAS, the City of Edinburg's application was approved and the 165 acres of land surrounding the Edinburg Airport was designated as a Foreign Trade Zone in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edinburg submitted a request for US Customs and Border Protection to provide inspection of cargo at the Edinburg Municipal Airport and the city's request was approved and inspections will initiated on April 2014; and

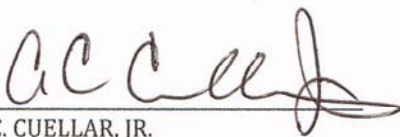
WHEREAS, the extension of State Highway 68 would encourage private investment in the development of warehousing and distribution facilities for international trade requiring inspection by US Customs; and

WHEREAS, State Highway 68 would foster economic development and create much-needed jobs in Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edinburg, Hidalgo County, and the surrounding communities rely heavily on international trade; the extension of State Highway 68 would greatly enhance the economic vitality of the surrounding communities by creating jobs and expanding international trade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hidalgo County Commissioners Court strongly supports the City of Edinburg's request for the Texas Department of Transportation to extend the limits of State Highway 68 to the Edinburg Municipal Airport, better known as South Texas International Airport at Edinburg, and connect it to the Interstate 69.

Approved this 20th day of August, 2013.



A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



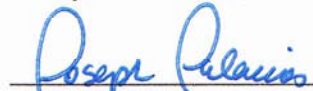
JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk