

A Resolution of the Kerrville Independent School District Board of Trustees, Kerrville, Texas, Expressing Support for Funding of the Texas Tech University-Hill Country Education Network (Fredericksburg and Highland Lakes) and the Texas Tech University Center at Junction

WHEREAS, the Hill Country of Texas is under-served by institutions of higher education;

WHEREAS, the continued economic viability of rural Texas and the success and welfare of its residents is highly dependent upon the provision of higher-education services;

WHEREAS, it is essential for the area's diverse student population to have ready access to higher education opportunities;

WHEREAS, the TTU-Hill Country Educational Network and the TTU Center at Junction are critical to meeting the needs of this student population at an affordable cost;

WHEREAS, the educational network and the center are the first comprehensive efforts in Texas to provide services to a wide rural area;

WHEREAS, this educational endeavor promotes collaboration, not competition, among colleges and universities;

WHEREAS, local communities in the Hill Country continue to invest in this endeavor with significant contributions by local governments and private donors; and

WHEREAS, continuing State support of the TTU-Hill Country Educational Network and the TTU Center at Junction is crucial;

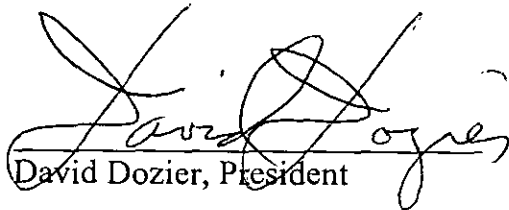
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kerrville Independent School District Board of Trustees, Kerrville, Texas, that the Trustees:

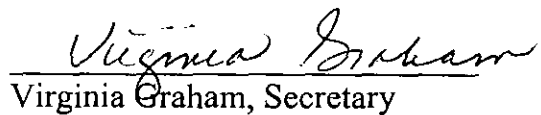
- (1) Fully support the Texas Tech University request for appropriations for each of fiscal years 2006 and 2007, as submitted to the Texas Legislature, for the TTU-Hill Country Educational Network (Fredericksburg and Highlands Lakes) and the TTU Center at Junction,

(2) Strongly recommend each enactment of these appropriations at the levels requested:

- a. TTU-Hill Country Educational Network in the amount of \$999,999 consisting of Special Items Request of \$380,078, an Exceptional Item Request of \$57,421, and an Exceptional Item Request of \$562,500.
- b. TTU Center at Junction in the amount of \$316,908 consisting of a Special Item Request of \$275,276 and an Exceptional Item of \$41,632.

RESOLVED this the 18th day of January 2005.


David Dozier, President


Virginia Graham, Secretary