



**HOUSTON HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE HOUSTON HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Houston Independent School District (HISD) has voted to place an \$805-million bond referendum on the November 2007 general-election ballot (the “Proposed Bond Initiative”);

WHEREAS, the Proposed Bond Initiative is the third in a series of bond issues, which began in 1998, aimed at renovating, repairing, and replacing aging school facilities throughout the district;

WHEREAS, a portion of the funds from the Proposed Bond Initiative is also to be used for all schools in the district to receive safety and security upgrades including new fencing, security cameras, public address systems, and other security enhancements;

WHEREAS, a portion of the funds from the Proposed Bond Initiative is also to be used so that all middle- and high-school science labs in the district be updated and improved;

WHEREAS, HISD students all across Houston will benefit from these new and improved schools, with no increase to the tax rate for taxpayers;

WHEREAS, the Houston economy is dependent upon a workforce that is highly educated, skilled and globally competitive, which will also affect the future workforce of our members;

WHEREAS, over fifty-eight percent (58%) of students of HISD are Hispanic;

WHEREAS, HISD encourages and promotes procurement opportunities for small businesses, and is committed to taking measures to insure that it meets its goals with respect to contracts for small businesses, many of which are members of our Chamber, and

WHEREAS, the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is committed to taking a leadership role in this important matter, which includes helping facilitate communication and educational outreach to our business and entrepreneurial community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce supports HISD’s proposed Bond Initiative;

RESOLVED, that the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is committed to reaching out and working with other community leaders and organizations, including leaders from the African American and the Asian American communities, to ensure that our children reap the full benefits of the Proposed Bond Initiative; and

RESOLVED, that the position of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on this matter be made known to all its membership, the Hispanic community and the community at large.

This resolution is effective immediately upon passage by the Board of Directors for the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Passed on the 28 Day of September, 2007.