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S.C.R. 39 urges Hidalgo County in the Rio Grande Valley to reduce its tax rate accordingly upon the establishment of the Hidalgo County Healthcare District.

The establishment of the Hidalgo County Healthcare District will provide numerous benefits to the community, but taxpayers should not be unduly burdened to fund the district. The Hidalgo County Healthcare District will serve the insured and uninsured alike, while providing resources to support a medical school, generating new revenue, and creating jobs.

The Hidalgo County Commissioners Court supports the formation of a county health care funding district, and it anticipates that the district will provide a mechanism to receive federal matching funds to support indigent health care services. As a member of the district, the county will be eligible for Medicaid reimbursements and matching funds it is not currently receiving.

The district is intended to decrease the burden on taxpayers by taking advantage of federal matching funds, and underlying support for the district is the assumption that once it is formed and operating, the county will reduce its own tax rate accordingly.

RESOLVED

That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge Hidalgo County to reduce its tax rate upon establishment of the Hidalgo County Healthcare District.

That the secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.