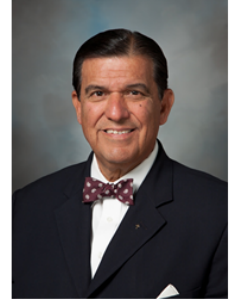




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**Senator Lucio statement on Dr. Guy Bailey**

**AUSTIN** - Today (Monday), Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D-Brownsville) releases the following statement on the occasion of the University of Texas System Board of Regents' decision to name Dr. Guy Bailey the first president of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley:

"I commend the University of Texas Board of Regents for their selection of Dr. Guy Bailey as the founding president of our new University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, as well as thank Board members for their thoughtful consideration of several qualified candidates. I am confident that Dr. Bailey's wealth of higher education experience will greatly enhance current leadership at our existing universities, and help them successfully navigate the transition into South Texas' first tier-one research university. I expect Dr. Bailey will bring strong, objective, and effective leadership to the fledgling university, which will in turn help the Rio Grande Valley achieve its goal of becoming a future center for multinational education, medicine, and industry. I offer Dr. Bailey my full support, I look forward to working with him, and look forward to personally welcoming him to the Rio Grande Valley."

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