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BROWNSVILLE-AREA LIBRARY TO BECOME FEDERAL DEPOSITORY

A Brownsville-area library will join the Federal Depository Library Program, Superintendent of Documents Francis J. Buckley, Jr. announced on November 1. The Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library of the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College was designated by Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz of Texas' 27th district on September 27. In making the designation, Mr. Ortiz lauded the Library's commitment to meeting the Government information needs of the people of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and expressed confidence in its ability to meet the public service goals of the Federal Depository Library Program.

The Oliveira Library, with a collection of more than 160,000 volumes, serves the general public as well as the University's student population. In welcoming the Library to the Federal Depository Library Program, Mr. Buckley praised Library Director Douglas N. Ferrier for his active role in improving the access of citizens in the Brownsville area to Federal information.

The Federal Depository Library Program is the Government's primary means of providing free public access to its information products. The program traces its roots back to 1813, and now includes more than 1,300 libraries. A unique partnership between the U.S. Government and the library community, the Federal Depository Library Program provides books and other information products without charge in return for the libraries' pledge to maintain the Federal collection and provide free public access to it.

The Federal Depository Library Program is administered by the Superintendent of Documents, a part of the U.S. Government Printing Office. Libraries in the FDLP receive Government information from all parts of the Federal Government, and in all formats, and provide public access to it. GPO distributes information to the libraries in print and microfiche, on CD-ROMs and DVD-ROM, on videocassettes and, increasingly, through online information services provided by ***GPO Access***.

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The Oliveira Library at UTB/TSC is located in Brownsville at 80 Fort Brown and can be reached at (210) 544-8221.

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