

County of Hidalgo

State of Texas

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Solomon Ortiz, along with Congressman Hinojosa, Congressman Doggett and Congressman Cuellar have introduced legislation to provide for the health care needs of veterans in far South Texas; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation, H.R. 538, also known as the "South Texas Veterans Access to Care Act of 2007", identifies that the current and future health care needs of veterans residing in far South Texas are not being fully met by the Department of Veterans Affairs ; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs has estimated that more than 114,00 veterans reside in Far South Texas, a number which will continue to rise with current deployments involving members from the Texas National Guard and Reservists from Texas; and

WHEREAS, travel time for veterans in far South Texas may at times exceed six hours to the nearest Veterans Affairs hospital; and

WHEREAS, even with travel time being so high, veterans from far South Texas still demonstrate a high demand for health care services; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court supports the passage of H.R. 538 or similar legislation in the 110th Session of Congress.

ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF MAY 2007.

SIGNED AND ENTERED ON THE ABOVE DATE BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

J.D. SALINAS, III
County Judge

SYLVIA S. HANDY
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct.3

OSCAR L. GARZA, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attested to:

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk