

Welcome Home South Texas Vietnam Veterans Day

*PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS*, members of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War served our nation under the most trying conditions, at a time when the nation was divided in its support; and

*WHEREAS*, the exemplary performance of Americans who served during the Vietnam War reflected the highest standards of bravery, sacrifice and courage; and

*WHEREAS*, one out of every 10 Americans who served in Vietnam was a casualty and 58,148 U.S. service members made the ultimate sacrifice, 3,400 from Texas; nearly 2,100 Americans are still missing and unaccounted for; and there were over 660 military prisoners of war; and

*WHEREAS*, 304,000 out of 2.59 million who served in Vietnam were wounded, approximately 75,000 were severely disabled; and

*WHEREAS*, when these service members returned home, they were caught in the crossfire of public debate, protests and turmoil about our nation's involvement in the Vietnam War; as a result these brave men and women never received the welcome home, salute and gratitude they justly deserved; and

*WHEREAS*, all these men and women deserve our steadfast recognition and praise; and

*WHEREAS*, the citizens of our nation, state, counties and cities must never forget the pain and suffering that existed yesterday and today for the men and women who fought with honor and distinction, and sacrificed their lives, in the name of freedom and democracy for all; and

*WHEREAS*, the South Texas region has united to work together to organize, promote, and host a long, overdue historical tribute and event for all Vietnam Veterans of South Texas, titled LZ:RGV.

*WHEREAS*, the event will be a living memorial and conducted over a single day on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the McAllen Convention Center, generating regional awareness, celebration and acknowledgement of the Vietnam veterans who served, those living and who have passed away.

*THEREFORE*, be it resolved that the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County hereby proclaim April 9, 2011 as Welcome Home South Texas Vietnam Veterans Day to properly welcome home and salute our Vietnam Veterans from South Texas, as well as commit our support to assist with the success of the LZ:RGV event.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2011

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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Attest:

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ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk