

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF U.S. ARMY STAFF SGT. ESTEVAN ALTAMIRANO**

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County joins rest of the nation, the state of Texas, the Rio Grande Valley, and the friends and loved ones of U. S. Army Staff Sergeant Estevan Altamirano of Edcouch in mourning the untimely loss of this courageous young man who died September 18, 2011 in Tikrit, Iraq at the age of 30; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Altamirano, a graduate of Edcouch-Elsa High School, enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduation in 1999, was serving his fourth tour of duty in Tikrit, Iraq, with the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Altamirano was a young man of courage, strength, and compassion who gave unselfishly to others and his patriotism, dedication to duty, and commitment to leadership will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, During his 11 1/2-year Army career, Staff Sergeant Altamirano received several honors including Meritorious Service Medal, four Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals and the Valorous Unit Award; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court hereby recognizes and pays tribute to the life and legacy of this brave soul and honors him and his family for his patriotic service and ultimate sacrifice, which will never be forgotten.

Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2011.

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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JOEL QUINTANILLA  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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JOE M. FLORES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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JOSEPH PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk