

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF  
CARLOS FLORES TRUAN**

WHEREAS, last month, Texas lost a legend in the passing of former Texas State Senator Carlos Flores Truan, a South Texas businessman who devoted his life to public service, spending more than 30 years as a legislator; Truan passed away at the age of 76 on Tuesday, April 10, 2012; and

WHEREAS, born June 9, 1935, in Kingsville, Texas, Truan labored throughout his life to improve public education, increase opportunities for higher education in South Texas and to protect the natural environment.

WHEREAS, he graduated from Texas A&I in 1959, now Texas A&M University Kingsville, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business, he began his career that same year with New York Life Insurance, where he retired as a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Round Table; and

WHEREAS, Truan was elected to the House of Representatives in 1968 and the Texas Senate in 1976 and was a lifelong champion of education and the environment, he represented the people of South Texas for over 30 years. In 1995, he became the first Hispanic to serve as Dean of the Texas Senate; and

WHEREAS, a political maverick unyielding in representing working people, Truan participated in several historic legislative initiatives including the passage of the Texas Bilingual Education Act of 1969, the Texas Adult Education Act of 1973 which established the GED program, and legislation establishing a school lunch program in Texas to help children from low-income families receive a nutritious meal at school; and

WHEREAS, an active member in his community, Truan was a member of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the American G.I. Forum, the Texas Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission, Kiwanis International and the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, family was of utmost importance to Truan, and he is survived by his wife Elvira; four children, Carlos Jr. , Veronica, Rene, and Maria Luisa; 5 grandchildren, Aaron Palmer, Mikaela Palmer, Cameron Truan, Emily Truan, Kirsten Wall, and one great-grandchild Karley Wall; and

WHEREAS, he is and will always be remembered as a leader in our South Texas community and throughout the State of Texas for his unwavering support, commitment, and dedication to improving the lives of all residents through his legislative initiatives.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court hereby recognizes and honors the life of Carlos Flores Truan, a champion of the people, for his many contributions to the residents of the State of Texas.

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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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