

RESOLUTION
IN HONOR OF PRECINCT II COMMISSIONER HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS

WHEREAS, Hector "Tito" Palacios has worked for the betterment of his communities for more than 50 years, 41 of which have been holding a political office. He has served on several boards, councils and commissions, including School Board President of Pharr, San Juan, Alamo (PSJA) Independent School District, Mayor for the City of San Juan, and as a member of the board or council of Region One education Service Center, Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, Hidalgo County Housing Finance Corporation and the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Palacios served four terms of public service to Hidalgo County as Precinct II Commissioner, improving the lives of the residents in his Precinct by maintaining and improving over 123 miles of roadways, providing over \$6.1 million in drainage improvement, building up colonias with more \$5.9 million, preserving over 50 acres of parkland and five parks, and serving more than 760,000 people through Community Resource Centers. He was the first Hidalgo County Commissioner to introduce "green" building initiatives; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from PSJA High School in 1957, having made his mark as a four-year Letterman in football, serving as Team Captain and selected to All-District as well as being a three-year Letterman in baseball, serving as Team Captain, also selected to All-District and playing centerfield on the 1957 District Champions. He attended Pan American University, playing on the Broncs Baseball Team as an outfielder. Commissioner Palacios played baseball with two Semi Pro teams from 1959 to the late 1960s, Pharr Semi Pro League and San Juan Semi Pro League; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Palacios went on the work for the Texas Department of Human Services for 27 years, working his way up from a case worker to Director of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program. Mr. Palacios became the first state employee to run for public office in Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, his passion for public service has enabled him to contribute economic growth and prosperity to his hometown communities in Hidalgo County. Born and raised in Pharr, before settling in San Juan, Mr. Palacios has seen his community grow and from dirt roads to paved neighborhoods in thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palacios plans to continue serving the community in other capacities and looks forward to spending more time with his wife and high school sweetheart Berta Saenz Palacios, their children Jay (Eliza) Palacios, Melissa (Amaury) Patterson, and Maricela (Roman) Garcia and two grandchildren, Avery D. Benitez and Cody Huffman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes and honors Precinct II Commissioner Hector "Tito" Palacios for his outstanding service, dedication, and commitment to the community and citizens of his precinct and to all of Hidalgo County.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2014.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk