

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF RICK DIAZ FOR A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER

WHEREAS, Rick Diaz is a pioneer for setting the course for Hispanic and Latino journalists in the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, during his 48-year career as a journalist, Mr. Diaz had offers to leave the Valley to work in large news markets such as Los Angeles, California and Washington, D.C., but chose to stay due to his love of family and the Valley; and

WHEREAS, he has been a mentor to many young journalists, a supporter of his community and a nationally recognized newsman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Diaz was born and raised in McAllen to a family of migrant farm workers. In a speech at a commencement at his alma mater, UTPA, Mr. Diaz advised graduates to remember your parents and grandparents because they “helped pave part of the road for you;” and

WHEREAS, he is most well known for his work at KRGV-TV, Channel 5 where he has been a reporter, producer, news director, and anchor. Mr. Diaz created the long-running news segment “Con Mi Gente” in 1998 featuring the best in small town heroes, businesses and Valley icons; and

WHEREAS, after a distinguished, nearly 50-year-career in broadcast news, Mr. Diaz will vacate his anchor chair and retire on May 22, 2015. His signature signoff of “Good night y que te pasa muy buenas noches,” will be missed; and

WHEREAS, although retiring, Mr. Diaz will continue his work on Con Mi Gente, but intends to travel, see some major league baseball games and spend time with his wife Rosie, a principal at Clover Elementary School in the PSJA Independent School District; daughters Lisa and Laura; and granddaughters Brittany, Brianna, and Laura Rose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby honors Rick Diaz for a long, distinguished career in television news, for mentoring countless young journalists, and for his outstanding service, dedication, and commitment to the community.

Dated this 19th day of May 2015.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

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

EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct.3

JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk