

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF U.S. MARINE LANCE CORPORAL JACOB D. GARCIA

WHEREAS, Jacob D. Garcia was born and raised in Edinburg, Texas to Jose Armando and Elia R. Garcia. He attended Edinburg High School where he graduated as a Bobcat in 2007. Following graduation, at the age of 17, Garcia enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and was deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan where he served five years; and

WHEREAS, as a lead sweeper and rifleman for 81 Millimeter Mortar Platoon, Weapons Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines, Regimental Combat Team-7, 1st Marine Division (Forward) and I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward). Garcia led multiple missions that resulted in ensuring the safety of Marines, Soldiers, Sailors, Afghan counterparts and local civilians; and

WHEREAS, in June 2010, Garcia was serving as the lead sweeper when his unit was engaged by enemy forces 600 meters south of their position. Disregarding his own personal safety, he swept a nearby area that provided more cover to allow his unit to return fire on the enemy. Lance Corporal Garcia took part in over 130 combat patrols, three named battalion operations and two company operations during his tour of duty. All in all, he was responsible for identifying 36 IEDs totaling an estimated 1,300 pounds of explosives; and

WHEREAS, due to his courageous acts Jacob D. Garcia was awarded the Bronze Star Medal on May 16, 2011 by the President of the United States for his heroic service from April 3, 2010 to November 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Garcia is a role model for his young son, Evan Daniel Garcia, and three siblings, Melody, Emma Lee, and Lenny R. Garcia by continuing his education after proudly serving his country. He is working towards a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby supports the resolution in honor of Lance Corporal Jacob D. Garcia for his service and dedication to our nation.

Dated this 18th day of August 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