

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF RAMIRO GARZA, JR.
FOR 15 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF EDINBURG

WHEREAS, Ramiro Garza, Jr. served as City Manager for the City of Edinburg from November 2009 to December 2015; during his tenure, he was responsible for 700 employees, a \$100 million budget and general administration of all city services as directed by the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, under his tenure, Hidalgo County partnered with the City of Edinburg creating Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones which led to economic development resulting in housing and newly planned retail developments in La Sienna, The Shoppes, and the highly anticipated new Bert Ogden Arena, which will be home to the RGV Vipers, improving the quality of life for all valley residents. Such projects are projected to result in over \$500M of new taxable values at the completion of the zones, also furthering job creation, local sales tax, and a surge in our local economy; he also worked with Hidalgo County in the vision for a new courthouse that aims to transform downtown Edinburg as a major economic driver; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garza also led the charge with Hidalgo County and other local entities in regional efforts such as the merger of UTPA and UTB, resulting in a stronger united UTRGV, paving the way for a new UTRGV Medical School, the first of its kind in South Texas. Mr. Garza was also a vital part of the I-69 Coalition which led to the historical interstate designation of over 100 miles of valley highways, promising to bring economic and funding opportunities to our area and connecting our economies with the rest of the nation.

WHEREAS, he is a tireless volunteer with organizations such as the Texas Economic Development Council Executive Committee; Workforce Solutions; Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center; Southwest Community Investment Corporation/Women's Empowerment Business Center; Edinburg Chamber of Commerce; International Economic Development Council; International Council of Shopping Centers; Palmer Drug Abuse Program and many other organizations; and

WHEREAS, after serving 15 years with the Edinburg Economic Development and the City of Edinburg Ramiro Garza, Jr. has decided to pursue new career opportunities. The County of Hidalgo would like to thank Ramiro Garza, Jr. for his outstanding contributions and dedication to the entire region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby supports the resolution in honor of Ramiro Garza, Jr. and wishes him much success in his future endeavors.

Approved this 8th day of December 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