

## RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF ELDER B. BARTON

**WHEREAS**, the Texian Army, also known as the Army of the People, was a military organization consisting of volunteer and regular soldiers who fought against the Mexican army during the Texas Revolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836 was the decisive battle of the Texas Revolution. Led by General Sam Houston, the Texian Army engaged and defeated General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna's Mexican army in a fight that lasted just 18 minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the brave soldiers in that battle was Elder B. Barton. Born in New York City, Barton joined the army on March 13, 1836 and fought under General Sam Houston during the famous battle that paved the way for the Republic of Texas to become an independent country; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Barton was honorably discharged from the army in October of 1836 and moved to Matamoros, Taumalipas where he met wife Santitos Balli. Together they moved to Brownsville, Texas to start their family. They had 16 children and 14 of them survived; and

**WHEREAS**, during his lifetime, the Bartons lived in several towns across the Rio Grande Valley including Santa Rosa, Los Indios, and finally Nueces County, where they settled down on 369 acres he received as compensation for having fought in army; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Barton was involved in several endeavors and careers, including serving as postmaster, working in the steamboat industry, and using his military experience to help secure the United States border up and down the Rio Grande; and

**WHEREAS**, Elder B. Barton passed away on August 4, 1884. One of his sons, Washington Barton, who served as a Hidalgo County Commissioner, decided to have his father buried at the Hidalgo County Courthouse Courtyard. After the courthouse burned down his remains were moved to the Hidalgo City Cemetery, where he lays today; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 9, 2016, the Texas Historical Commission dedicated a state historical marker to the Hidalgo City Cemetery in honor of Mr. Barton's role in the Texas Revolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes Elder B. Barton and expresses its deepest respect and gratitude for his bravery, devotion to duty, and the immeasurable sacrifice he made to the history of Texas and to the United States of America.

**Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2016.**

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk