

## RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF ROBERT CAPELLO

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Robert Capello has achieved statewide and national recognition during his long and distinguished career as a high school basketball coach. The longtime coach of the Edcouch-Elsa High School reached a milestone on January 6, 2017, when his Yellow Jackets beat Brownsville Pace 88-83, handing Coach Capello his 1,000<sup>th</sup> career win; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Federation of High School record books, Coach Capello is the fourth high school coach in Texas to reach 1,000 wins. He is now among the top 15 winningest high school coaches in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, born in 1940 in the small farming community of La Sara to Agustin and Julia Capello, first-generation migrant workers, he spent his childhood summers working alongside his family in the fields. He attended school in La Sara and later in the Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District. In high school, Mr. Capello helped lead the Yellow Jackets football team to a perfect 10-0 season as quarterback. He received all-state honors and was later selected as a Rio Grande Valley All-Millennium quarterback representing the class of 1959-1960; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Capello began coaching at Mission High School in 1965, after earning a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Texas College of Arts and Industries. He also holds graduate degrees from Sam Houston State University and Sul Ross State University. After Mission High School, Mr. Capello went on to coach at five other high schools before returning to his alma mater, where he has worked for more than a quarter century; and

**WHEREAS**, he is married to Gloria Yarritu Capello and, together they have four sons, Robert Jr., Rick, Ronny, and Randy, all of whom played basketball on their father's teams. Robert Jr. practices law and Rick, Ronny and Randy all followed in their father's footsteps and became teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Capello has spent over 50 years coaching high school sports and his accomplishments are measured not only in the sports arena, but also by the countless young teaching young athletes the value of teamwork, dedication and of giving back to their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby honor Robert Capello for his exemplary record of athletic achievement and the positive influence he has had on generations of student athletes.

**Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 24, 2017.**

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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DAVID FUENTES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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JOE M. FLORES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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JOSEPH PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk