

**RESOLUTION HONORING MELDEN & HUNT, INC.'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Charles L. Melden, a Mission, Texas native, began a small engineering and surveying company in 1947; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond C. Hunt, a civil engineer, would join Melden ten years later as a partner; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1971, Larry L. Smith joined the partnership of Melden & Hunt, later to become president in 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, the hallmark achievement for Melden & Hunt was the design and construction of the Master Drainage Ditch for Hidalgo and Willacy counties. The project began in 1981 and ended in 1992, encompassing an 85-mile channel that collects rainwater from northwest of Mission easterly through the Panchito Structure east of Edinburg and on to the Laguna Madre; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Drainage Ditch continues to be the “backbone” of all the drainage systems currently operating in those counties and continues to be improved so that it remains strong for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 1996, Melden & Hunt, Inc. moved into the historic Golden Jersey Creamery Building, one of the oldest commercial venues in Edinburg; and

**WHEREAS**, Melden & Hunt, Inc. is celebrating its 70th anniversary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Hidalgo County Commissioners Court recognizes Melden and Hunt, Inc. for 70 years of business in the field of Engineering, Surveying and Consulting services in Hidalgo County and the Rio Grande Valley.

**Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.**

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**RAMON GARCIA**  
County Judge

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**DAVID L. 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