

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUDGE MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR.  
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER BOOT CAMP CADETS**

**WHEREAS**, the Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center's Boot Camp Facility has been designed to serve a maximum population of 40 non-violent, at-risk boys between the ages of 13- to 17-years-old over a nine month timespan; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility empowers every individual with the time-honored values of honor, courage, integrity, and commitment. In doing so, the Boot Camp is able to provide disciplined structure, a quality substance abuse recovery curriculum, and a superior educational setting in a secure environment; and

**WHEREAS**, nine cadets from cities throughout the county – including Alamo, McAllen, Mercedes, Palmview, and Weslaco – will graduate from the program in a ceremony held Thursday, May 25 at the Boot Camp. These cadets have also earned enough credits to receive a High School Diploma from Weslaco Independent School District; and

**WHEREAS**, the graduating cadets are Erik Alvarez, Dominic Valenzuela Juarez, Christian Reyes Aldana, Chris Saucedo, Ernesto Cortez, Pedro Alvarez-Martinez, Leeroy Cavazos, Brian Flores, and Eduardo Valdez, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, the cadets were adjudicated by the Honorable Mario E. Ramirez, Jr., 332<sup>nd</sup> District Court; the Honorable Israel Ramon , Jr., 430<sup>th</sup> District Court; and the Honorable Renee Rodriguez-Betancourt, 449<sup>th</sup> District Court and were taught at the Bootcamp by dedicated teachers from the Weslaco Independent School District; and

**WHEREAS**, these young men have shown academic achievement, a strong work ethic, improved life and social skills, and a persistent pattern of positive behavior which will serve them well as they enter adulthood.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby thanks the dedicated Judges, teachers, counselors and administrators involved in the Boot Camp, and congratulates the 2018 Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center graduating cadets for taking steps to turn their lives around with skills that will serve them as they commence this next chapter in their lives.

**Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 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