

RESOLUTION HONORING ISRAEL “BUDDY” SILVA, JR. FOR HIS 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, Israel “Buddy” Silva, Jr. is a graduate of Pan American University receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1977 and a Master’s Degree in Education in the area of Guidance and Counseling in 1980; and

WHEREAS, he began his Juvenile Justice career with the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Department in 1978 serving as a Juvenile Probation Officer and was subsequently promoted to the positions of Intake Supervisor and Assistant Chief. In 1983, he was appointed Director/Chief Juvenile Probation Officer by the Hidalgo County Juvenile Board of Judges; and

WHEREAS, he was directly involved in the planning and oversight of the \$1.5 million Post-Secure Adjudication Juvenile Boot Camp Facility which became operational in 2000 and the \$17.5 million Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center which became operational in 2007; and

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission Advisory Board, President of the South Texas Juvenile Probation Department Chief’s Association, and member of the Texas Probation Association Board of Directors serving three terms from 1990 through 2004, including as President from 2005 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized with various state awards during his career, including the Outstanding Juvenile Administrator Award, the Sam Houston State University Award for his scholarly contributions, the Charles W. Hawkes Life Time Achievement Award and the Texas Institute on Children and Youth Paul Christian Award for Going the Extra Mile to Help a Child. In 2018, the Texas Institute on Children and Youth awarded him with The Bill Anderson Pioneer Award for Outstanding Service to The Children of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Silva has announced his retirement to the Hidalgo County Juvenile Board of Judges effective December 31, 2018 after serving as Director/Chief for 35 of his more than 40 years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby supports the resolution in honor of Israel “Buddy” Silva, Jr. for his dedicated and outstanding service to the Juvenile Justice System of Hidalgo County and the State of Texas, and wishes him success, happiness, and good health in the next chapter of his life.

Dated this 11th day of December 2018.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
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