

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF REV. MSGR. GUSTAVO BARRERA

WHEREAS, Rev. Msgr. Gustavo Barrera was ordained to the priesthood by His Excellency, The Most Reverend John Fitzpatrick, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Brownsville, in 1979 and was named Prelate of Honor (Monsignor) by Pope John Paul II on Dec. 30, 2000; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, May 5, Msgr. Barrera celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with two masses at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in McAllen, where he has served as Pastor since 2007; and

WHEREAS, born in Falfurrias, Msgr. Barrera attended Sacred Heart Church and School until the school closed in 1962. Msgr. Barrera was able to resume his Catholic education at St. Joseph Academy for his junior and senior years of high school when his parents moved to Brownsville in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Msgr. Barrera said the Lord called him to the priesthood in April of his senior year. After high school graduation in 1971, he began as a seminarian at Corpus Christi Minor Seminary while attending Del Mar College. He continued at Assumption Seminary in San Antonio and studied at Our Lady of the Lake University, where he earned a Bachelor of Music in 1975. He was sent to St. Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad, Indiana, where he received a Master of Divinity in 1979; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,200 family, friends, parishioners, and fellow priests attended the church services and receptions held in Msgr. Barrera's honor, including his beloved mother Mrs. Adelaida Barrera. The morning mass was celebrated by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Mario Aviles, Auxiliary Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Brownsville. The evening mass was celebrated by Msgr. Barrera's life-long friend His Excellency, The Most Reverend Louis Kihneman, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi, Mississippi.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby honor Rev. Msgr. Gustavo Barrera on this, his 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

Approved this 7th day of May, 2019.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct.3

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk