

RESOLUTION HONORING SHAN RANKIN

WHEREAS, Shan Rankin has served as executive director of Museum of South Texas History since 1989, when it was still known as the Hidalgo County Historical Museum; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, the museum served thousands of visitors and local citizens, completed multiple expansions, and changed its name to Museum of South Texas History to better reflect its mission to preserve and present the borderland heritage of South Texas and northeastern Mexico; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments include securing accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums and the successful renovation of the 1910 Hidalgo County Jail, which continues to be one of the most important sections of the museum; and

WHEREAS, a native of Raymondville, Ms. Rankin received a B.A. in Political Science and History, with an emphasis on Latin American Affairs, and an M.B.A. from Southern Methodist University, and she lived and studied in Spain while doing graduate work in Ibero-American Civilizations; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming affiliated with the museum, she served on the staff of U. S. Senator John Tower and was appointed by Governor William Perry Clements to the Texas Women’s Commission and to the Board of Regents of Pan American University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rankin has served as an appointed member of the Hidalgo County Historical Commission, board member of the Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation, and board member of Los Caminos del Rio, Inc., and she currently serves on the Texas Historical Commission’s Texas Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, after serving the museum with distinction, integrity, and passion, Ms. Rankin has handed over the reins to new leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby honor Shan Rankin for 30 years of outstanding, dedicated and committed service to the Museum of South Texas History and wishes her continued success.

Approved this 24th day September, 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