

RESOLUTION HONORING BARBEQUE CHAMP FRED ROBLES

WHEREAS, Fred Robles, the owner of Rio Valley Meat, recently won the 40th American Royal World Series of Barbecue held on September 12-15 at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, for over 100 years, the American Royal has continued to offer opportunities for scholarships, education, and competition to youth and adults. This year the 40th American Royal World Series of Barbeque, a world championship competition, included 39 states represented, 10 different country participants and a grand champion winning prize of \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, as a Weslaco native Robles is the second person in Texas to prove his position of Texas preparing, cooking and serving the best barbeque. He was also named 2017's World Barbecue Champion at the 2017 World Food Championships in Orange Beach, Alabama. The November multi-day culinary competition was sponsored by Western Premium BBQ Products and Cowboy Charcoal. Robles took home a \$10,000 prize for the win; and

WHEREAS, Robles has gone competitive with his grilling skills and team for the past six years while not only winning several competitions around the country, but also together with his wife, Yadi Robles, generously giving back to their community; and

WHEREAS, last year, Robles donated \$8,500 to Estrella's House, a childhood advocacy center in Edinburg. With the considerate help of his sponsors, Big Poppa Smokers and Smithfield, the more Robles wins throughout the year, the more money the Robles family is able to donate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby congratulate Fred Robles for winning the 40th American Royal World Series of BBQ competition in Kansas City.

Approved this 8th day of October 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

ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk