

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AWARDING  
CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR TO CRUZ YANEZ**

**WHEREAS**, Vietnam Veteran Cruz Yanez was recognized in Commissioners Court on December 3, 2019, for his exceptional bravery while serving in the U.S. Army. During the recognition, Hidalgo County Veterans Service Officer Felix Rodriguez reported that Mr. Yanez had not been awarded a much-deserved Congressional Medal of Honor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. The deed performed must have been one of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his comrades and must have involved risk of life; and

**WHEREAS**, there are two protocols for awarding the Medal of Honor; most common being that a service member submits a nomination through the chain of command and the other process through nomination by a member of Congress, usually at the request of a constituent and approved by a special act of Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Yanez volunteered for the Draft on August 20, 1969. A combat infantryman, Co. B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Airmobile), 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, he served in the Republic of Vietnam from July 6, 1970 to April 15, 1971 with honor, courage, and valor. His gallant actions in combat are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Yanez was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, two Bronze Star Medals with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, two Silver Star Medals, and an Air Medal. His many heroic actions included protecting a wounded comrade under heavy fire while reinforcements arrived, and he also completely disregarded his own safety by opening fire on enemy forces to save his fellow soldiers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby support the awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor to be awarded to Vietnam Veteran Cruz Yanez for his exceptional bravery while serving in the U.S. Army.

**Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.**

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**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
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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**ELLIE TORRES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk