

Resolution in honor of Mrs. Martha P. Sanchez

- Whereas* Hidalgo County Commissioners Court is honoring Mrs. Martha P. Sanchez for her dedication and distinguished commitment of social justice to ensure all families have a better quality of life; and
- Whereas* happily married to Mr. Manuel Sanchez, over the years, they were blessed with three beautiful children, Mark, Marty and Michael. Mrs. Sanchez is also a proud grandparent of four grandchildren; and
- Whereas* Mrs. Sanchez overcame many barriers pursuing her education. As a child, Martha could not afford a formal education past the 6th grade. With the help of learning English by way of reading books to her children, she was able to further pursue her education and obtained a General Education Development (GED) as an adult; and
- Whereas* Mrs. Sanchez began her journey as a Social Justice Advocate in 1981 where she joined the Holy Spirit Catholic Church congregation in McAllen, Texas. This congregation led Mrs. Sanchez to become involved with Valley Interfaith at its conception in the early eighties. In 1988, Holy Spirit Catholic Church created the Peace and Justice Commission in which Mrs. Sanchez became the coordinator of family ministry and director of religious education where she helped congregants connect with and learn from farmworkers; and
- Whereas* in 2000, five parishes including Holy Spirit Catholic Church organized and turned to the United Farm Workers for assistance in their efforts for social justice. In 2002, Mrs. Sanchez officially joined the United Farm Workers and served as Union Steward. In 2003, the United Farm Workers transitioned to La Union Del Pueblo Entero (LUPE) in South Texas; and
- Whereas* in 2006, Mrs. Sanchez continued her commitment for social justice at La Union Del Pueblo Entero (LUPE) as an organizer and through the years working her way up to Coordinator of community organizing; and
- Whereas* in 2018, with La Union Del Pueblo Entero (Lupe), Mrs. Sanchez reached a milestone by having the County of Hidalgo, Texas adopt new rules that mandated street lighting and strong flooding protections for all neighborhoods developed outside of the city limits; and
- Whereas* in 2020, Mrs. Sanchez made the difficult decision to retire from La Union Del Pueblo Entero after fourteen (14) years of service with an additional twenty five (25) years of service prior to LUPE working with the Catholic Church. With the combination of these years of service, Mrs. Sanchez has four decades of public service where she has been the voice for countless families. Mrs. Sanchez is a firm believer in fighting not for what you want, but for what you deserve. Mrs. Sanchez will be deeply missed at La Union Del Pueblo Entero; however, she is wished well on her new ventures.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby honors Mrs. Martha P. Sanchez for her dedicated community service in unincorporated areas and wishes her a healthy and safe retirement.

Approved this 12th day of January 2021.

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