

*Resolution honoring Monsignor Juan Nicolau Mesquida
for six decades of service in the name of God*

- Whereas* Monsignor Juan Nicolau Mesquida has faithfully served the spiritual needs of thousands of parishioners throughout the Rio Grande Valley; and
- Whereas* Monsignor Nicolau still remembers that life changing day more than seven decades ago when his parents left him at a seminary in his native Mallorca, Spain to bestow upon him the best education then offered in that country; and
- Whereas* after spending 13 years in that Mallorcan seminary, despite the hopes of his family to join the family business, Monsignor Nicolau instead decided to enter the priesthood; and
- Whereas* Monsignor once declared the priesthood his life and a calling to serve people; and declared that the three high points of his life were his baptism into the Catholic Church, his ordination as a Catholic priest and his naturalization as a U.S. citizen; and
- Whereas* Monsignor Nicolau has been administering to the spiritual needs of the people of the Rio Grande Valley in eight different parishes, including the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle where he is considered one of the original founders; and
- Whereas* Monsignor Nicolau recently celebrated his 60th anniversary serving as a dedicated member of the clergy; and
- Whereas* this anniversary prompted the Honorable Henry Cuellar, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, to bestow on Monsignor Nicolau a Congressional Certificate of Recognition; and
- Whereas* the faithful of the Rio Grande Valley have joined in thanking this humble man of 82.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby congratulates Monsignor Juan Nicolau Mesquida for his six decades of service in the name of God and thanks him for his commitment to the people of the Rio Grande Valley.

Approved this ____ day of February, 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