

Resolution honoring the career of the Honorable Jim Darling, Mayor of the City of McAllen

- Whereas* public service is often described as a calling and the Honorable Jim Darling, Mayor of the City of McAllen, is the epitome of public service; and
- Whereas* the residents of the City of McAllen as well as the County of Hidalgo have been blessed by the public service of Mayor Darling for more than four decades; and
- Whereas* after serving two tours of duty in Vietnam as a member of the United States Air Force, the Rochester, New York native made his way to Texas where he attended Baylor University where he earned a psychology and a law degree; and
- Whereas* Mayor Darling found his ultimate calling and home in the Rio Grande Valley where he served for more than 28 years as city attorney; and
- Whereas* Mayor Darling continued to pursue his calling as a public servant by getting elected to the McAllen City Commission, serving six years as Commissioner for District 6; and
- Whereas* Mayor Darling once again got himself promoted by getting himself elected Mayor in 2013, leading the city and fighting to protect the national image of the region as a safe and desirable place to live; and
- Whereas* part of his leadership skill included a quick wit that helped unify both the City of McAllen and the region during times of challenge; and
- Whereas* Mayor Darling helped navigate the City of McAllen and the region through migrant surges; flooding events; hurricanes; and the deadliest pandemic in a century – always mindful of conveying a positive image for this region; and
- Whereas* Mayor Darling, despite his many civic and public policy accomplishments, perhaps made a greater name for himself through a series of State of the City addresses that included signature entrances by Mayor Darling; and
- Whereas* Mayor Darling has always been quick to point out that the public service that he has engaged in extends to his wife, City of McAllen First Lady Sandra Darling

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby thank the Honorable Jim Darling for his four decades of public service on behalf of the region and congratulates him on his retirement to spend more time with Sandra and his family and wishes him well into the future.

Approved this 4th day of April, 2021.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk