

*Proclamation Recognizing the Outstanding Student Leaders from the Rio Grande Valley at the Prestigious Texas Boys and Girls State Leadership Conference*

*Whereas* the RGV Boys State Alumni Group sponsored 9 outstanding student leaders from across the Rio Grande Valley consisting of 8 Boys State Delegates and 1 Bluebonnet Girls State Delegate to represent their respective high schools at the prestigious American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) leadership conferences called Texas Boys State and Girls State. The Texas Boys State was held on June 11-16, 2023, at The University of Texas at Austin and the Texas Bluebonnet Girls State was held on June 18-24, 2023, at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin; and

*Whereas* ALA founded Texas Boys State and Girls State in an effort to educate our youth on the duties, privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship, give future citizens an opportunity to learn the problems of government, inform them of the rights and privileges of American citizenship, and instill a deep sense of the personal responsibilities and obligations which this citizenship entails; and

*Whereas* these week-long learning experiences for Texas' top 1,000 junior leaders are among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students; and

*Whereas* the exemplary student leaders are Brian de Luna from Weslaco East High School; Obed "Max" Alvarez from McAllen High School; Isaac Santoyo-Rustrian from McAllen High School; Ethan Hernandez from PSJA North High School; Julian Alvarado from Donna High School; Damian Martinez from Donna High School; Gabriel Enriquez from Donna High School; Jacob Alexander Rebollar from Donna High School; and Lilee Garza from Weslaco High School; and

*Whereas* the RGV Boys State Alumni Group Sponsors are Precinct 1 County Commissioner David Fuentes, a Weslaco HS Alumnus; Luciano S. Garza, III., a Weslaco HS Alumnus and Senior Counselor; Carlos Galvan, a San Benito HS Alumnus; Judge Kino Flores, a La Joya Alumnus; Jaime Solis, a Donna HS Alumnus; Danny Vela, a McAllen HS Alumnus; Rudy Ramirez, a San Benito HS Alum; Dr. Dusty Luna, an Edinburg North HS Alumnus; and Ricardo Rodriguez, an Honorary Sponsor.

*Now therefore, be it resolved* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes these outstanding student leaders who represented Hidalgo County at the prestigious Texas Boys and Bluebonnet Girls State leadership conference programs and applauds their academic stride and community service.

**Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.**

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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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**EVERARDO "EVER" VILLARREAL**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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**ELLIE TORRES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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