

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF RICARDO F. CORTEZ

WHEREAS, Ricardo (Richard) F. Cortez born in Mercedes, Texas and raised in Weslaco, is being honored for his distinguished legacy of service to the City of McAllen and Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, Cortez, attended Weslaco High School and graduated in 1962 and continued his education at Pan American College graduating with a Bachelors of Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, After receiving his Certified Public Accountant License in 1974, he practiced public accounting and in 1998 joined his practice with a regional firm, named Burton McCumber and Cortez, L.L.P; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2005, Cortez was elected the eighteenth Mayor of the City of McAllen and was re-elected for a second term in May of 2009, garnering 82 percent of the popular vote; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Cortez created assets and accumulated substantial economic resources by constructing a \$53 million convention center with no borrowed funds, constructing a new international bridge, having various parks built or improved, expanding the McAllen International Airport, creating an Arts and Entertainment District, enacting a Historical Preservation ordinance and played a key role in the City of McAllen's "Going Green" projects, which were initiated to clean and beautify McAllen neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, After dedicating the last 8 years to the city of McAllen, in January 2013 Cortez announced he would not seek mayoral re-election in order to spend more time with his family; and

WHEREAS, Cortez is married to Elva Cortez, his wife of 45 years; they have 4 children: Rick Cortez married to Ana, Sandy Chandrahasan married to Gopinath, Jay Cortez married to Susana, and Laura Mangelshots married to Tom; they have eleven grandchildren: Alexi, Carlos, Eric, Alan, Daniel, Mia, Kailani, Lucas, Evan, Delphine and Troy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes and honors McAllen Mayor Ricardo F. Cortez for his eight years of service to the City of McAllen and thanks him for his service to its residents and Hidalgo County.

Approved this 3rd day of September, 2013.

Ramon Garcia

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

A.C. Cuellar, Jr.

A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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JOE M. FLORES
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JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Arturo Guajardo, Jr.

Attest: ARTURO GUJARDO, JR.
County Clerk