

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MCALLEN ISD ANDREW JACKSON ELEMENTARY
FOR WINNING THE 7TH ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC SUMMER CHALLENGE**

WHEREAS, McAllen Independent School District 's Andrew Jackson Elementary aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and emotional capacities within each child to gain understanding of multicultural diversities for a better and more peaceful evolving world; and

WHEREAS, this year, Jackson Elementary participated in the 7th Annual Scholastic Summer Challenge; students were encouraged to read as many books as possible from May 6, 2013 to September 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Scholastic Summer Challenge is to motivate children to read over the summer and build their interest and confidence in reading, and to also improve their understanding skills, comprehensive fluency and critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, through technology and a program used on student-issued iPads, students had access to download as many as 20 books at a time and had access to read 18,400 e-books this summer;

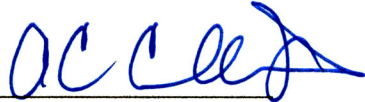
WHEREAS, Andrew Jackson Elementary held read-a-thons, encouraged competition between grade levels and used a School Messenger automated call system to remind families to continue to encourage their child to read; and

WHEREAS, measured by the amount of minutes spent reading, each student averaged 122 hours, 45 minutes of reading, totaling over 6.3 million recorded minutes of reading; Jackson Elementary students placed first in this year's Scholastic Summer Challenge, beating nearly 4,300 participating schools representing all 50 states and 30 countries; and

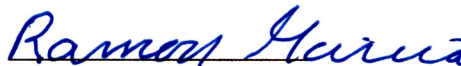
WHEREAS, for their notable achievement, Andrew Jackson Elementary students will be rewarded with a visit in the spring from Dave Pilkey, author of the bestselling Captain Underpants series and will be featured in the 2014 Scholastic Book of World Records which will be available through Scholastic Reading Club, Scholastic Book Fairs, and bookstores nationwide; each school will also receive a personalized plaque.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby honor and recognize McAllen Independent School District Andrew Jackson Elementary for achieving this distinguished award and for encouraging students to build their interest and confidence in reading.

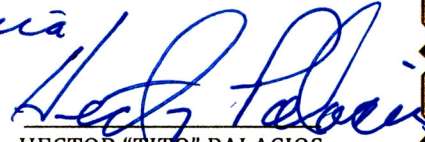
Approved this 15th day of October, 2013.



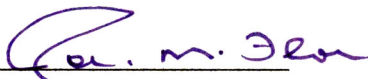
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County Commissioner, Pct. 1



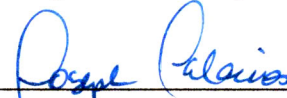
RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



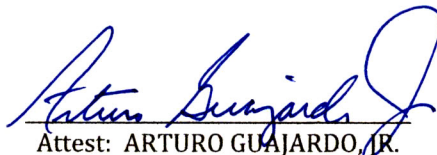
HECTOR "NTO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



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County Commissioner, Pct. 3



JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
Hidalgo County Clerk