



Resolution

IN HONOR OF CPL. JOSE LUIS "SPEEDY" ESPERICUETA, JR.

Whereas, Corporal Jose Luis "Speedy" Espericueta, Jr. made the ultimate sacrifice while performing his duty to serve and protect on Thursday, June 20, 2019; and

Whereas, a true hero, Cpl. Espericueta was the first Mission police officer killed in the line of duty since 1978. An 18 year law enforcement veteran, Cpl. Espericueta had a long history of service, including rescuing an elderly man from a burning house, saving two young children from a locked car, apprehending multiple armed suspects in a home invasion, and for televised appearances on A&E's Live PD and National Geographic's Border Wars; and

Whereas, the City of Mission, the Mission Police Department, and Cpl. Espericueta's family received an outpouring of support from the community as well as law enforcement officers around the country — support that grew into the hundreds who flew in to pay their respects; and

Whereas, Cpl. Espericueta is survived by his lifelong high school sweetheart and wife of 21-years Roberta "Bobbie" De Leon Espericueta and their two children, Brianna, 19, and Joaquin, 13; his parents Santy McAllen-Gonzalez, Joe Gonzalez, and Jose Luis Espericueta, Sr.; and two brothers, Isaac and Danny Gonzalez; and

Whereas, Mission Police Chief Robert Dominguez said, "When God created him, he blended in the right mixture of humility and compassion. These qualities molded him into a true public servant and assisted him in becoming the great leader that he was for our department"; and

Whereas, Hidalgo County will forever be grateful for his service and sacrifice. Cpl. Espericueta's dedication to public service will stand as a shining example to all.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby honor Cpl. Jose Luis Espericueta, Jr. for his service, his sacrifice, and his life. His time here in Hidalgo County will always be remembered.

Approved this 1st day of July 2019.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ

County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES

County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU

County Commissioner, Pct. 2

JOE M. FLORES

County Commissioner, Pct. 3

ELLIE TORRES

County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.

County Clerk

