

# Hidalgo County

## Resolution recognizing Saul Garza for signing with the Kansas City Royals Baseball Organization

*Whereas* on April 9, 1998, Saul Garza was born in McAllen, Texas. His parents, Santana and Sandra Garza, welcomed Saul to their family of older brothers, Santana Garza, Jr. and Samuel Garza; and

*Whereas* during his high school career, Saul was a four-year starter on the Edinburg North High School Varsity Baseball team. He was selected as a three-time, All-State Catcher for the State of Texas, while being named to first team for two years, and during his senior year he was selected as a member of the National Team by the National High School Coaches for Region 6; and

*Whereas* while starting for the Cougars he was awarded several distinctions including, 2014 District Newcomer of the Year; 2015 All-State Second Team and District Offensive MVP; 2016 All-State First Team, District MVP and All-Area Catcher while batting .513; and his senior year he was the 2017 District MVP and All-Area Offensive MVP with a batting average standing at .530; and

*Whereas* during Saul's graduating year, he was a Major League Baseball draft pick by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 31<sup>st</sup> round, however he decided to play baseball in the college ranks and chose to continue his college career at Howard Junior College in Big Spring, Texas; and

*Whereas* after playing one year at Howard Junior College, Saul transferred to Louisiana State University (LSU). In the 2018-2019 season, his potential accelerated. Saul batted a .303 batting average with 10 doubles, five home runs, 27 runs batted in and 20 runs spared. He was voted the Co-Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional, named to the 2019 SEC All-Tournament Team, the 2019 NCAA Regional All-Baton Rouge Regional, the NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team, and named the 2019 and 2020 NCAA SEC Academic Honor Roll; and

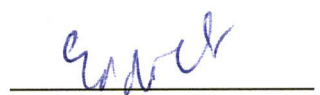
*Whereas* in June 2020, he signed with the Kansas City Royals organization to begin his baseball career. Growing up as a resident of Hidalgo County, Saul Garza is living proof that with dedication, devotion and hard work, dreams can come true, no matter the challenge.

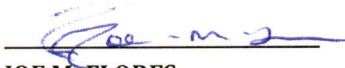
*Now therefore, be it resolved* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court recognizes Saul Garza of Edinburg, TX for his outstanding accomplishments and for signing with the Kansas City Royals organization.

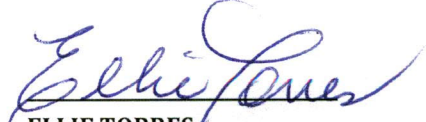
Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2020

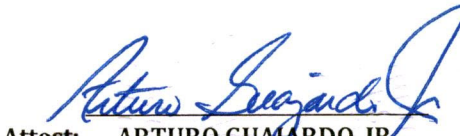
  
RICHARD F. CORTEZ  
County Judge

  
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County Commissioner, Pct. 2

  
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County Commissioner, Pct. 3

  
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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

  
Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk

