

Hidalgo County

Resolution in honor of Dr. Richard Rivera for 53 years of service

Whereas Dr. Richard Rivera is being honored for his exceptional work and dedication towards education, after serving with distinction and integrity for the past 53 years throughout his career with Weslaco ISD; and

Whereas Rivera first joined WISD in 1967, as a classroom teacher and a coach. In 1974, Rivera became principal at Mary Hoge Junior High School, serving for five years. In 1979, he became principal at Weslaco High School and held that position for 17 years before becoming Superintendent in 1996; and

Whereas being a life-long learner himself, Dr. Rivera returned to school and earned his doctorate degree in 2008. Throughout these years of his contribution towards education, Rivera was named Region I Superintendent of the Year in 2003 and 2007. He was also named Administrator of the Year by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association and received the Exemplary Superintendent Award from the University of Texas at Austin; and

Whereas serving as superintendent for 14 years, Dr. Rivera transformed WISD improving state test scores, upgrading facilities and expanding student programs earning the distinction of "Recognized School District" from the Texas Education Agency for 12 out of the 14 years of his tenure; and

Whereas Dr. Rivera retired as superintendent for WISD in 2010 and returned to serve on the WISD School Board in 2012 where he helped set policy that continues to impact the lives of Weslaco students and staff today. He is now concluding his eight-year stint on the board and a lifetime of service to the community of Weslaco ISD.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes and honors Dr. Richard Rivera for his outstanding service, dedication, and commitment during his 53 years of service to Weslaco ISD and community, and on this day wishes him a long, healthy and fruitful retirement.

Approved this 29th day of September 2020.



Richard F. Cortez

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

David L. Fuentes

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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