

# Hidalgo County

## Resolution honoring HEB grocery store for active community engagement

- Whereas* San Antonio-based H-E-B grocery store, which has been in existence since 1905, when Florence Butt opened the C.C. Butt Grocery Store on the ground floor of her family home in Kerrville, Texas; and
- Whereas* Her youngest son, Howard E. Butt, took over the family business in 1919 and began to grow a Texas empire with a second store in Del Rio in 1927, then three more in the Rio Grande Valley while changing the name of the store to his initials, H-E-B; and
- Whereas* The H-E-B grocery chain has grown to more than 340 stores in the United States and Mexico, including the Central Market brand; and
- Whereas* H-E-B has long distinguished itself as a good corporate citizen in all the regions in which it is located by actively sponsoring community events; and
- Whereas* H-E-B grew in stature over the past year as an integral and essential business operation as the COVID-19 pandemic spread throughout Texas and the Rio Grande Valley, adopting innovative safety measures to protect not only its employees, but the customers who relied on the stores for its grocery needs; and
- Whereas* H-E-B continues to define good corporate citizenship by actively participating in and facilitating food distribution efforts for those in need during the pandemic; and
- Whereas* H-E-B once again solidified its reputation during the recent unprecedented winter freeze, which left much of the state without electrical power or water, at one point telling its customers during a power outage to take what groceries they needed without charge; and
- Whereas* H-E-B is considered a Texas icon.

*Now therefore, be it resolved* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, on behalf of the grateful residents of Hidalgo County, hereby commends H-E-B as an outstanding corporate citizen and thanks the Texas-based grocer for all of its innovative efforts to serve residents of the Rio Grande Valley.

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.



*Richard F. Cortez*

**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
County Judge

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County Clerk