

# Hidalgo County

## Resolution honoring Teresa Simmons Copeland for 28 years of service to the American Legion Auxiliary

*Whereas*

the American Legion is built on a promise from men and women who swore with their lives to defend and protect the United States through and its constitution military service. The promise begins at enlistment, grows through training and discipline in the U.S. Armed Forces and continues after discharge, as veterans in service to community, state and nation; and

*Whereas*

Teresa Simmons Copeland has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) McAllen Unit 37 located in District 15, Division 3 for 28 years. She joined under the service of her father, Nick Simmons, who served in the US Navy from 1952 to 1972. She also qualifies under the service of her son, Michael Bali, who served on the USS Hampton SSN 767 (a nuclear-powered fast attack submarine) and her son James Copeland Jr. who served on the US George Washington CVN-73 a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier; and

*Whereas*

Teresa belongs to American Legion Auxiliary Loyal Service Unit 37 in McAllen. She has been an active member, having served every office in her Unit, including serving as the District President for three years as well as attended and chaired multiple committees throughout the years; and

*Whereas*

Teresa served in the Mission area of the Rio Grande Valley and was inspired to pursue a higher office within the American Legion Auxiliary and went on to serve the Department as Convention Chair, Membership Chair, Leadership Chair, Chairman of Pages, Sergeant at Arms, VA&R chair, Vice President of ALA for two years and currently serves as the state ALA President; and

*Whereas*

Teresa is a proud mother and daughter of those who served and a proud grandma to her grandchildren. She has always included her family in her American Legion Auxiliary activities, encouraging service to those in need. Her themes during her years of service are; honoring Veteran's service, spreading seeds of goodwill and growing the ALA membership by cultivating kindness.

*Now therefore, be it resolved* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes Teresa Simmons Copeland for her 28 years of service to the American Legion Auxiliary and further extends a heartfelt appreciation for her service given to all current and former members of the military to help them transition into the Hidalgo County communities.

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2022.



*Richard F. Cortez*

RICHARD F. CORTEZ  
County Judge

*David L. Fuentes*

DAVID L. FUENTES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

*Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu*

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

*Everardo "Ever" Villarreal*

EVERARDO "EVER" VILLARREAL  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

*Ellie Torres*

ELLIE TORRES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

*Arturo Guajardo, Jr.*  
Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk