

Hidalgo County

Resolution Honoring the Distinguished Service of Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.

- Whereas* U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor once said that the job of a prosecutor “is to do justice. And justice is served when a guilty man is convicted and an innocent man is not;” and
- Whereas* that philosophy has been on display in Hidalgo County by Criminal District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr. for the last eight years; and
- Whereas* Rodriguez, an Edinburg native, was born to teenage parents and spent his early life in the tradition of so many Rio Grande Valley families: as a migrant farmworker; and
- Whereas* learning the value of hard work and the pursuit of big dreams in the fields, Rodriguez became the first in his family to attend college, receiving an academic and athletic scholarship to the University of Texas at San Antonio where he earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration; and
- Whereas* Rodriguez continued his education by earning his Juris Doctorate degree from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston; and
- Whereas* Rodriguez returned to the Rio Grande Valley where he opened his private practice before embarking on a career of public service that included his election as Council Member for the City of Edinburg; his election as Judge for the 92nd District Court; and his election as Criminal District Attorney for Hidalgo County; and
- Whereas* during his tenure as Criminal District Attorney, Rodriguez prided himself on initiatives such as the creation of the Special Crimes Division; the Victim’s Unit; the Domestic Violence Unit; and the Human Trafficking Unit; and
- Whereas* Rodriguez served his community diligently by overseeing more than 200 employees – all dedicated to the mission of administering justice in Hidalgo County; and
- Whereas* during his tenure as Criminal District Attorney, Rodriguez received many accolades including the 2015 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Diamond Hero Award; the 2016 Children’s Advocacy Center Spotlight Award; the 2017 Rio Grande Valley Families & Friends of Murdered Children Justice Advocacy Award; the 2018 Children’s Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr Counties Recognition Award; and the 2018 Court Appointed Special Advocates Commitment Award; and
- Whereas* Rodriguez has decided to return to private practice ending an era of doing justice as well as a distinguished career as a public servant.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court proclaims its gratitude for the exemplary service of Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr. on behalf of the citizens of Hidalgo County and wishes him continued success in the next chapter of his life.

Approved this 20th day of December 2022.





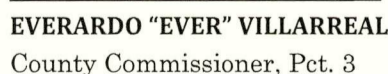
RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

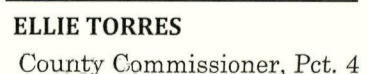


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