

# Hidalgo County

Proclamation congratulating Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
for his service to the Rio Grande Valley

- Whereas* the rigors of public service are many, but did not dissuade Eduardo Andres Lucio, Jr. from representing the South Texas community in several capacities over a five decade period; and
- Whereas* Senator Lucio was born and reared in Brownsville in 1946 as the second of ten children and attended the University of Texas Pan American where he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Education before becoming a teacher and coach in the Brownsville Independent School District; and
- Whereas* Senator Lucio married Hermina "Minnie" Cerda and had two children – Lynda Anne Lucio Cisneros and Eddie Lucio III – as well as what Senator Lucio lovingly refers to as being the grandfather of "three termites and two princesses;" and
- Whereas* Senator Lucio began his life of public service in 1970 as Cameron County Treasurer at the age of 25 and then as a Cameron County Commissioner in 1979; and
- Whereas* Senator Lucio was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1987 and served the people of Brownsville for two successive terms before being elected to the Texas Senate, when he began his service in the upper chamber in 1991; and
- Whereas* Senator Lucio's Senate district encompassed the eastern parts of Hidalgo County; and
- Whereas* Senator Lucio's tenure in the Texas Legislature saw him as a staunch advocate for the Rio Grande Valley and included him championing healthcare for children with disabilities; equity in public schools; veterans issues; and infrastructure in South Texas, including funding for the first interstate highways into the region; and
- Whereas* Senator Lucio was a key sponsor, author or co-author of several bills that created colleges and universities in the Rio Grande Valley, including the University of Texas at Brownsville; South Texas College; and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and its medical school; and
- Whereas* following half a century of public service, Senator Lucio announced his intention to retire from the Texas Legislature.

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court proclaims its deepest gratitude to Eduardo Andres Lucio, Jr. on behalf of the people of Hidalgo County and the Rio Grande Valley. It also offers its best wishes that Senator Lucio fulfill his goal of what he said upon announcing his retirement that he was leaving "because a lot of wonderful things are yet to come in my life."

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.



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ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.

County Clerk