

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN VICENTE GONZALEZ'
REPATRIATE OUR PATRIATES BILL**

WHEREAS, Congressman Vicente Gonzalez represents the 15th District of Texas, which includes Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, he is working on a House Bill cited as the Repatriate Our Patriots Act. If successful, it will prohibit the deportation of honorably discharged veterans and will expedite the naturalization of honorably discharged veterans, many of whom are highly decorated; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2017 Congressman Gonzalez sent a letter to President Donald Trump urging him to issue an Executive Order expediting the citizenship process for our country's veterans who were honorably discharged and who have no criminal history prior to joining the military; and

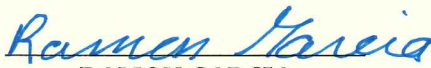
WHEREAS, the United States is home to 21,369,602 veterans with close to 40,000 of them living within the 15th Congressional District in Texas; and

WHEREAS, there are veterans from all eras who entered military service as lawful permanent residents who, despite their eligibility, did not obtain citizen status during or after completing their service; and

WHEREAS, deporting our veterans, many of whom are highly decorated and fought to save American lives, is a shameful and avoidable act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court supports the efforts of Congressman Vicente Gonzalez and encourages President Donald Trump and members of both houses to support efforts to repatriate qualifying veterans and expedite their naturalization as well as to stop deporting our honorably discharged veterans who bravely served defending the people and flag of the United States of America.

Approved this 5th day of April, 2017



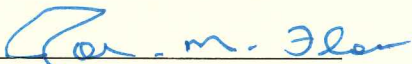
RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



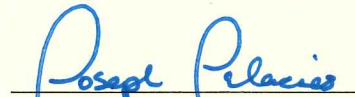
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Attest: **ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**
County Clerk