

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF
EDCOUCH-ELSA BOYS POWERLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

WHEREAS, once a year students from all over the state challenge themselves competing towards championship finals in powerlifting and only one student or team is able to travel home with a state championship title. This year, Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District captured the Boys Powerlifting Team Champion State Title for a second consecutive year, winning the Texas High School Powerlifting Association Division I.; and

WHEREAS, the championship competition took place in Abilene, Texas in March highlighting four Yellow Jacket individual athletes, two winning state champion in their divisions, one state runner up, and one placing 7th; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County honors Coach Martin Marichalar for his exceptional coaching efforts as well as Junior Ricky Ortiz, for winning the state title in the 148-pound weight class, setting two state records; Senior Cody Alvarado also won the state championship and tied a state record in the 242-pound weight class; Senior Nate Valejo, who brought home silver for second place in the 220-pound weight class; and Imanol Rodriguez who placed 7th in the 275-pound division; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County would also like to recognize the Edcouch-Elsa Board of Trustees, President Robert Schmalzried, Vice President Chris Morales, Secretary Robert Peacock, and Trustees Juan Jose Ybarra, Tony Barco, Rolando Lozano, and Fernando Torres; and Superintendent Ronaldo J. Cavazos for their support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby celebrate the victory of the State Champions, the Edcouch-Elsa Boys Powerlifting Team and commends the athletes for their academic achievements as well as being the first team in the Rio Grande Valley to win back-to-back state championships.

Approved this 7th day of May, 2019.



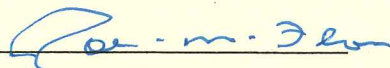
RICHARD F. CORTEZ
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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk