

# Hidalgo County

## Resolution honoring Coach Lew Hill

*Whereas* the Mount Vernon, N.Y. native was an all-state athlete at Mount Vernon High School. After graduating from Wichita State in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, he played professionally in Germany for one season before beginning his coaching career; and

*Whereas* Hill was an All-American point guard for San Jacinto Junior College in 1983-84, helping the Ravens to the national championship. He went on to earn All-Missouri Valley Conference accolades in 1987-88 as a senior at Wichita State while he helped the Shockers to a 20-10 record and an NCAA Tournament appearance; and

*Whereas* Hill began his coaching career at Wichita East High School as the head coach of the JV boys' basketball team and an assistant coach with the varsity team in 1989-90. He followed that up by moving into the collegiate ranks as an assistant coach at South Alabama; and

*Whereas* prior to his time at UNLV, Hill was an assistant coach at Texas A&M for five seasons and associate head coach for one. He previously spent four seasons as an assistant coach at East Carolina and two years as an assistant at Southeast Missouri State; and

*Whereas* the 2015-16 season was Hill's 12<sup>th</sup> working with former Pan American University head coach Lon Kruger, after spending seven seasons as an assistant coach at UNLV from 2004-11. During that time, UNLV won 161-71 while making six postseason appearances, including four NCAA Tournament appearances; and

*Whereas* After spending the previous five seasons as an assistant coach at Oklahoma, UTRGV Athletics hired Lew Hill on March 31, 2016 as the new UTRGV men's basketball head coach; and

*Whereas* Coach Hill led the men's basketball team to wins in eight of final 10 games, culminating in No. 2 seed at WAC Tournament, the highest in program history. But he made a bigger impact with his community involvement; and

*Whereas* Hidalgo County joined UTRGV mourning his recent passing, pays tribute to his legacy and shows gratitude to his wife, Renee, their two children: son, Lewis Jr., and daughter, Elle; along with his three other daughters, Sierra, Erica and Asya.

*Now therefore, be it resolved* the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby honor Coach Lew Hill for his dedicated years of coaching at the University of the Rio Grande Valley, for his kind spirit, motivational character and sense of mentorship for all he came into contact with. May he rest in peace as he will be forever missed.

Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.



*Richard F. Cortez*

RICHARD F. CORTEZ  
County Judge

*David L. Fuentes*

DAVID L. FUENTES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU  
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EVERARDO "EVER" VILLARREAL  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

*Ellie Torres*

ELLIE TORRES  
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*Arturo Guajardo, Jr.*

Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk