

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF BENNY LAYTON, SR.

WHEREAS, Benigno "Benny" Layton, Sr. of Elsa was an iconic and beloved community leader, talented musician, and avid supporter of student activities, athletics and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Benny was an exceptional human being who shared his love for community, his appreciation for music and celebration, his spirit of leadership, and his commitment to service with the entire community of Edcouch-Elsa and beyond; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Benny received numerous accolades, recognitions and awards for his contributions to Mexican-American culture and folklore including the Smithsonian Institution's Folklife Festival, the Texas Conjunto Hall of Fame, and more; and

WHEREAS, Benny's passion, energy and livelihood graced the stadium of Edcouch-Elsa High School at every pep rally and Friday night football game as "*La Voz de La Maquina Amarilla*"; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, August 25, 2011, the Edcouch-Elsa Independent School Board honored Benny's legacy by naming the Edcouch-Elsa High School Stadium in his honor; and

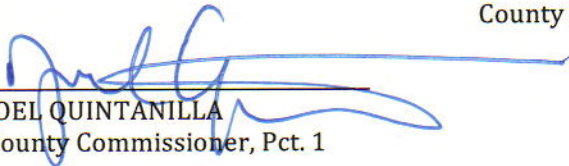
WHEREAS, Hidalgo County joins his family, friends, and the entire community in honoring the memory and legacy of Benny Layton, Sr, whose spirit lives on in the lives of those he touched.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court hereby memorializes the legacy of Benigno "Benny" Layton, local legend and icon of Edcouch-Elsa in Hidalgo County, Texas, in commemoration of his outstanding impact on his community and his fellow residents through music, leadership and service, *y que viva siempre, "La Voz de la Máquina Amarilla."*

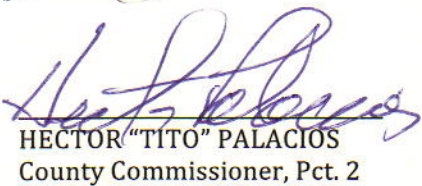
Approved this 30th day of August, 2011.



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



JOEL QUINTANILLA
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



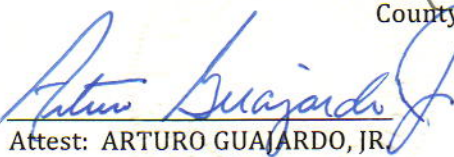
HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk