

RESOLUTION OF THE 2012 LEO NAJO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

WHEREAS, in 1971 the first “Leo Najo” Day was celebrated in Mission, Texas and Reynosa, Mexico in honor of South Texas baseball legend Leo “Najo” Alaniz; and

WHEREAS, Leo “Najo” Alaniz was born in Nuevo Leon, Mexico then moved to Mission, Texas in 1899 and called the Valley his home for 63 years. In 1924 he became the first Hispanic to play for the San Antonio Bears in the Texas League and would go on to play in the major leagues as a member of the 1926 Chicago White Sox, during his career he would hold several batting titles, including Most Home Runs and Most Stolen Bases; and

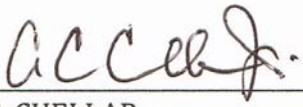
WHEREAS, “Leo Najo” Day was created by the “Leo Najo” Oldtimers Baseball committee to keep the memory of the Valley legend alive and to honor his wish that baseball players meet once a year to be recognized for their past achievements in the sport; and

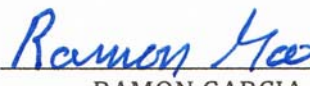
WHEREAS, the “Leo Najo” Oldtimers Baseball board members and committee annually select players to be honored and inducted into the “Leo Najo” Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, this year seven new members were inducted into the Leo Najo Hall of Fame, including Jesse Banda of San Antonio, Bill Guthrie of Harlingen, Rick Schwartz of Brownsville, Tommy Boyd and Jose Israel “Lito” Garza of Mission, Frank Santiago of Peñitas and Hector “Tito” Palacios of Pharr ; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court hereby recognized the “Leo Najo” Oldtimers Baseball Board and Committee, and the 2012 Leo Najo Hall of Fame Inductees, for their commitment to honoring the memory of the late Leo “Najo” Alaniz and helping promote the history of baseball in Hidalgo County and the state of Texas.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2013.

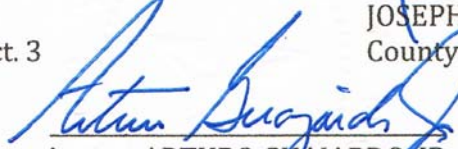

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