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PRESS RELEASE

HIDALGO COUNTY FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST KEVIN CARDOZA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013

Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court

Ramon Garcia
County Judge

A. C. Cuellar, Jr.
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Hector "Tito" Palacios
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Joe M. Flores
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Joseph Palacios
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Edinburg, Texas – A request by Hidalgo County Judge Ramon Garcia to fly the United States and Texas flags at half-staff in honor of U. S. Army Specialist Kevin Cardoza was granted Monday by Texas Governor Rick Perry. Specialist Cardoza, of Mercedes, was killed in the line of duty while serving his country in Afghanistan.

In correspondence sent on behalf of Governor Perry, the Governor's office expressed its sincere condolences at the loss of Specialist Cardoza, noting that the Hidalgo County community should be proud that it produced such an honored and brave man. The Governor's office further stated that, as per Judge Garcia's request, "all state and national flags in the County of Hidalgo and any adjoining political subdivisions may be lowered immediately to half-staff in honor of the life and military service of United States Army Specialist Kevin Cardoza of Mercedes, Texas."

Judge Garcia immediately ordered all County buildings to lower flags to half-staff, and encourages all private and public entities to follow suit and join Hidalgo County in lowering flags at government, city and school buildings in tribute to Specialist Cardoza.

Flags should return to full-staff on Thursday, May 16, 2013.

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