



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **Benny Martinez be given title: "LULAC Historian Emeritus"**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Benny Martinez of Goliad Texas has been a member of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) for 64 years of uninterrupted service to the League, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Benny Martinez known affectionately as "Uncle Benny" by members of the League, comes from a distinguished family of veterans whose 5 sons served our nation in peace time and war in which Uncle Benny served his nation in the Korean War, and

**WHEREAS**, Uncle Benny under numerous LULAC administrations has been recognized as the League's National Historian and custodian of the organization's milestones for which he maintains an impressive display of LULAC's History as well as moderating workshops on the History of the organization throughout the League, and

**WHEREAS**, Uncle Benny has on numerous occasions been interviewed and invited to participate in panel discussions, documentaries, films and published articles on the topic of Latino History, and

**WHEREAS**, Uncle Benny single-handedly brought state-wide media attention to the Tejano Monument project by riding his horse to Austin, Texas from Goliad a distance of 129 miles; and for which today, the Tejano Monument sits on the front lawn of the Texas Capitol as the largest example in the country of a statuary monument on any state capitol complex, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Benny Martinez has been recognized by numerous organizations including LULAC, the G. I. Forum, the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus and various local distinctions such as being named as Citizen of the Year in his hometown of Goliad and also, by the region's local newspaper whose readership reaches 150,000 in the surrounding 13 counties naming him as one of the area's Most Influential Person, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Mr. Benny Martinez be henceforth recognized as a Senior Member of LULAC with all the rights and privileges conferred upon that rank by the Constitution of the League of United Latin American Citizens as defined in Article IV, Section 5, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that from this day forward, Mr. Benny Martinez be recognized as and be given the title of "LULAC Historian Emeritus."

Approved this 11th day of July 2015

Roger C. Rocha, Jr.  
LULAC National President