



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION In Recognition of Jose "Joe" May's Life of Community Service (1944-2006)

WHEREAS, LULAC is the nation's largest and oldest Latino civil rights organization. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 1000 councils around the United States and Puerto Rico, LULAC's programs, services and advocacy address the most important issues for Latinos, meeting critical needs of today and the future; and

WHEREAS, The Mission of LULAC includes the advancement of the economic condition and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, LULAC honors Hispanic leaders who have served their country with distinction and have helped to advance social and economic change for the Latino community; and

WHEREAS, Jose "Joe" May who was born in Laredo, Texas led a life of honorable service to country and community; and

WHEREAS, Jose "Joe" May answered the call of duty during the Vietnam War by enlisting with the Army's 4th and 25th infantry division as a gunner; and

WHEREAS, upon being honorably discharged from the Army he attended Texas A&M Commerce where he received both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science Degree, and

WHEREAS, Jose "Joe" May began his career as a business specialist with the U.S. Small Business Administration and worked as an investigator for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and

WHEREAS, Jose "Joe" May continued his commitment to the Latino community by serving as president of the League of United Latin American Citizens Chapter 272; and as board member of SER Jobs for Progress; and

WHEREAS, Jose "Joe" May was a tireless advocate for voting rights, including his thirty plus years of involvement in the most important redistricting and reapportionment efforts in the City of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Jose "Joe" May also served as chairman of the City of Dallas Community Development Advisory Committee and as vice chair of the City of Dallas Citizen's

Charter Review Committee; and as board member of the City of Dallas Planning and Zoning Committee; the City of Dallas Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee and the Redistricting Commission; and

WHEREAS, because Jose "Joe" May believed in quality education for all he proudly represented District 8 on the Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees; and served as second vice president of the school board; and

WHEREAS, during his service on the school board Jose "Joe" May was successful in ensuring that the Dallas Independent School District include bilingual teachers in order to better serve the significant number of minority students in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, while on the board Jose "Joe" May championed the right of children of undocumented parents to attend school; and

WHEREAS, Jose "Joe" May committed over 40 years of his life to community service, as set forth herein, ensuring voting rights and quality education for all; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the League of United Latin American Citizens with this resolution recognizes and honors Jose "Joe" May for his work which has made a real and significant difference in the lives of minority communities today and for generations to come.

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