



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE HISPANIC AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN WAR IN THE FILM INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, LULAC is our Nation's oldest, largest, and most respected Hispanic/Latino civil rights organization, established in 1929. Our mission is to seek the advancement of Hispanic Americans in the areas of education, employment, and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, LULAC as a national civil rights organization has championed the fair and equal treatment of all Hispanics, including those who have served in our military; and

WHEREAS, noted and acclaimed writers, like Greg Barrios-S.A., have cited that Hispanics have not been depicted fairly and accurately by the film industry as per the heroic roles they have played in wars since the Civil War (Corporal Joseph H. De Castro-Battle at Gettysburg); and

- WWI – Private David Barkley Cantu
- WWII – Private Joe P. Martinez, Staff Sargent Lucian Adams, Private Cleto Rodriguez, Staff Sargent Macario Garcia, Sargent Jose M. Lopez, Private First Class Jose F. Valdez, Private First Class Manuel Perez, Jr., Private First Class Alejandro Renteria Ruiz, Staff Sargent Rudolph B. Davila, Private Pedro Cano, Private Joe Gadara, Private First Class Salvador J. Lara, Staff Sargent Manuel Mendoza
- Korean War – Sargent Juan E. Negron, Private First Class Joseph C. Rodriguez, Corporal Rodolfo Hernandez, Corporal Benito Martinez, Corporal Joe R. Baldonado, Sargent Victor H. Espinoza, Sargent First Class Eduar C. Gomez, Master Sargent Mike C. Pena, Private Migue A. Vera, and Private Demensio Rivera
- Vietnam War – Humbert Versacem Roy P. Benavidez, Sargent Santiago J. Erevia, Daniel Fernandez, Captain Euripides Rubio, Staff Sargent Elmelindo R. Smith, First Sargent Maximo Yabes, Private First Class Carlos James Lozada, Specialist Four Alfred V. Rocco, Specialist Four Leonard Alvarado, Sargent Jesus Duran, Staff Sargent Felix M. Conde-Falcon, Sargent Candelario Garcia, and Sargent First class Jose Rodela

WHEREAS, Hispanics, the U.S. ethnic group awarded the largest number of medals of honor, have been largely ignored by the film industry or depicted them with minimal roles in Vietnam War films such as "Platoon" by Oliver Stone; and

WHEREAS, we in LULAC applaud movies like *Saving Private Ryan*, *American Sniper*, and *Dirty Dozen*, we nonetheless contend that the film industry has disregarded and disrespected the Hispanic community by not investing in more films that tell the stories of our aforementioned heroes, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, America now has Latinos in security forces along the U.S.-Mexican Border who are expected to be today's "live heroes" by battling immigrants from Mexico and Central America, yet the film industry has not depicted past Hispanic heroes and their stories in fair number on the screen; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC hereby calls on film producers and the entire film industry to respect the role of Hispanics in war battles by producing more films on our U.S. military contributions.

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