



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **MSGT ROY BENAVIDEZ RENAMING FORT HOOD RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the oldest Hispanic advocacy organization in the United States having been formed in 1929 in Corpus Christi, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Roy Benavidez was born in Lidenau Texas on August 5, 1938; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1955 Roy joined the Army where he completed ranger training and joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group after exhaustive training; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1965 Roy was deployed to South Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, he earned the first of five purple hearts when he stepped on a land mine; and

**WHEREAS**, upon his recovery, Roy went back into combat in Vietnam and on May 2, 1968 Roy volunteered to help distressed comrades; and

**WHEREAS**, the six-hour battle left Roy with five gunshot wounds and 28 fragmentation holes, while saving the lives of eight men while being mortally wounded and given up for dead; and

**WHEREAS**, Roy had to spit up to prove he was not ready for the body bag he was put in and was evacuated to Brooke Army Medical Center to recuperate from his wounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the eyewitness accounts provided qualified him for Medal of Honor recognition and Roy's bravery under battle; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 24, 1981 President Ronald Reagan bestowed the Medal of Honor on Msgt Roy Benavidez; and

**WHEREAS**, President Reagan is bestowing the medal said, "If Roy's story were a movie script you would Not believe it"; and

**WHEREAS**, the heroism of Msgt Roy Benavidez has schools, buildings, a ship and Legion chapters named after him;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that at the 90<sup>th</sup> LULAC National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 13, 2019, LULAC Veterans Council 777 from Laredo, Texas recommends that Msgt. Roy Benavidez be honored by the renaming of Fort Hood for this Texas hero;

***AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Army for his response, and be forwarded to the responsible committees in Congress;

***AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that suitable copies of this resolution be forwarded to the national veterans Groups, the American Legion, DAV, VFW, and GI Forum and others for their responses;

***AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the LULAC national office keep LULAC Veterans Council 77 informed of any responses; And

***BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED***, that the Benavidez family be informed of this resolution.

**Submitted by Julie Bazan, President, LULAC Veterans Council 777, Laredo, Texas.**

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2019 LULAC National Convention on July 13, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Domingo Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Domingo Garcia  
LULAC National President