



League of United Latin American Citizens

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR TED A. BARRERA SR. MARCH 2, 1941-APRIL 2019 (AGE 78)

WHEREAS, , the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is our Nation's oldest, largest, and most respected Latino civil rights organization, established in 1929. Our mission is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health, housing and civil rights of the Latino population; and

WHEREAS, LULAC recognizes Ted as a faithful servant of God, who was a member for many years, who passed away in April 10, 2019. He was a member of Salinas LULAC Council #2055; and

WHEREAS, Ted attended Soledad Main Street School and Gonzales High School for three years before moving to Salinas and graduating from Salinas High in 1959. He attended Hartnett College and San Jose State, then served in the National Guard, He then went to work at the Boys Ranch, now known as "Rancho Cielo Youth Campus"; and

WHEREAS, Ted worked at Soledad State Prison before being hired at the Monterey County Sheriff Department where he worked for 25 years. He started off working at the county jail, bailiff, patrol deputy and lastly a detective.

WHEREAS, He always went above and beyond to serve his community and fight for justice in every way possible. For instance, he successfully sued to become Monterey County's first Latino Sheriff's Investigator, wherein he fought not only for his rights, but, for the rights and dignity of his co-workers. In this role, Ted was kind and compassionate working together with social workers with extremely sensitive child welfare cases; and

WHEREAS, Ted served his community as a Soledad City Councilmember for many years. During his term, he helped change the mayoral position in Soledad from an appointment of the council to a proper elected position; and

WHEREAS, he was also a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus and Salinas Elks Lodge #614. In each charitable organization Ted always put in the work, got involved and was a true inspiration, and example, for his community.

WHEREAS, Ted was also a real estate agent for A Property Shoppe, Century 21 and Action Realty. His people skills and friendly social demeanor served him well in this capacity. He was a top agent/producer and always put his client's needs first and was excellent at his craft. He also built up a successful property management company, nothing kept him back from succeeding in life. His slogan was "TrusTED" in the real estate business, a slogan now used by his son, Christopher, to honor his father.

WHEREAS, he was full of life, always smiling and everybody loved him. He loved to dance, tell jokes, always had wise cracks and loved his family. He always took the time to visit old friends and family members. He enjoyed attending the annual BBQ in Soledad with old friends. From barbers, to elected officials, Ted was a friend to everyone he met. Two of his favorite sayings were: "¡Si, se puede!" and "Just Win Baby"; and

WHEREAS, Ted was a man of strong faith, who not only studied and spoke the Word, but lived it by giving back to his community whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, Ted's legacy was helping establish Salinas LULAC Council #2055 where he proved to be a crucial resource in helping LULAC accomplish its civil rights mission. Among other things, Ted led the way for other Latinos to advance in the fire department and City of Salinas; and

WHEREAS, Ted left a lasting legacy that carried on by the work that his son, Christopher A. Barrera, does as Salinas LULAC Council #2055 President; and

WHEREAS, Ted is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen, Ted A. Barrera Jr. (son) & daughter-in-law, Maria of Salinas, Christopher A. Barrera (son) of Salinas, his three sisters: Christine Lopez of Woodburn, Oregon, Florence Barrera of Salinas and Magdalen Matthews (Doug) of Tempe, Arizona, Grandchildren: Christopher A. Barrera Jr., James Daniel Barrera, Jacob Barrera, Alex Barrera and Emily Barrera all of Salinas, and one great-grandchild, Miranda Barrera;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that during the 72nd Annual California LULAC State Convention + 90th National LULAC Convention in Garden Grove, CA, the state membership hereby honors the memory of a great leader faithful servant to God and Country

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



Domingo Garcia
LULAC National President