



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **RESOLUTION IS SUPPORT OF KENDRICK RAY CASTILLO TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM AND CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL**

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico LULAC Mourns the Tragic Death of Kendrick Ray Castillo

**WHEREAS**, The New Mexico League of United Latin American Citizens, the Nation's Oldest & Largest Civil Rights Organization Expresses Condolence to the family of student, Kendrick Ray Castillo, who saved lives during school attack and whose life was lost on May 8, 2019 during a shooting at STEM School Highlands Ranch in Denver Colorado.

**WHEREAS**, Kendrick Castillo, an 18-year-old student who was into engineering and due to graduate at his high school graduation, was identified as the sole victim killed during the shooting at STEM School Highlands Ranch in Colorado. Castillo died trying to stop one of the armed suspects from firing, allowing his classmates to escape. He was one of several students whose heroic actions prevented further carnage.

**WHEREAS**, Castillo and another student were able to disarm one of the alleged shooters and pin him to the ground.

**WHEREAS**, When a shooter walked into a classroom, three students including Castillo tried to take down the gunman. Student Nui Giasolli said that Castillo's actions gave the rest of her British Literature class time to get underneath their desks and then run across the room to flee safety. Castillo was killed and eight others were wounded in the shooting.

**WHEREAS**, There are no words which can fully convey during this difficult time, the sadness and pain we share with Kendrick's parents, John and Maria, and so many others who loved him.

**WHEREAS**, From the abundant outpouring of love by those who knew Kendrick, millions throughout the nation and the world are becoming aware of a young man who despite his brief life, was and shall always be remembered in our hearts, as a very special human being.

**WHEREAS**, Kendrick instantly and without thinking about his own safety, rose and acted unselfishly by protecting and defending the people he knew. Through his actions he helped save the lives of his classmates even at the cost of his own. There is no greater love than this which one person can show for another.

**WHEREAS**, Although Kendrick was a high school student and who stood tall in defiance of an aggressor and acted as so many of our brave soldiers who stood in harm's way, did go above and beyond in saving his fellow students.

**WHEREAS**, George S. Patton, American soldier is quoted as saying, "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived."

**WHEREAS**, President Trump Tweeted, 'Our Nation grieves at the unspeakable violence that took a precious young life and badly injured others in Colorado. God be with the families and thank you to the First Responders for bravely intervening. We are in close contact with Law Enforcement.'

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** The New Mexico League of United Latin American Citizens, recognizes Kendrick Ray Castillo as America's young man who at a dangerous moment acted with the ultimate act of courage and sacrificed his life for others. His action is considered an act of heroism.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** The New Mexico League of United Latin American Citizens Council 120 requests The President of the United States award the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously to Student Kendrick Ray Castillo for showing great courage and valor in the face of danger.

**BE IT RESOLVED;** The Presidential Medal of Freedom is an award bestowed by the President of the United States. The Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal are the highest civilian awards of the United States. It recognizes those people who have made "an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors't .

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Domingo Garcia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Domingo" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Garcia".

Domingo Garcia  
LULAC National President