



Travis County Commissioners Court Voting Session Agenda Request

Meeting Date: February 18, 2020

Agenda Language:

Approve proclamation recognizing Marcelo Tafoya on the occasion of his 50th anniversary with the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC).

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Background/Summary of Request and Attachments:

NA

Staff Recommendations:

NA

Issues and Opportunities:

NA

Fiscal Impact and Source of Funding:

NA

Required Authorizations:

NA

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WHEREAS, Mr. Marcelo H. Tafoya was born to Joaquin and Conception Tafoya on January 16, 1939, in Lorraine, Ohio, was raised in Georgetown, Texas, graduated from Georgetown High School, and was more recently inducted into the Georgetown High School Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Marcelo H. Tafoya is married to Isabel Gutierrez Tafoya. Together, they have 4 children – Michelle, Melissa, Miranda, and Marcelo Anthony Tafoya – 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, upon graduation from electronics school, Mr. Tafoya became a Papal Volunteer serving in Mexico City, after which he returned to Georgetown where he began a career in broadcasting spanning over 40 years. Having owned several businesses in Austin, including 2 radio stations, hosting a television show on KTBC (channel 7), an advertising agency, record label, newspaper, record shop, and a number of other enterprises, he also owned 3 other radio stations across the State, each dedicated to serving the community and had the distinction of teaching classes at the University of Texas at Austin where he was able to impart his knowledge and experience to broadcasting students and is considered a Founding Father of Tejano Music having been awarded the first lifetime achievement award at the Tejano Music Awards;

WHEREAS, Marcelo H. Tafoya joined the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) in 1970 and became President of his local Council. Through dedication and hard work, he held the positions of District Director of Districts 7 and 12, Deputy State Director of Texas, LULAC National State Civil Rights Chair, and State of Texas LULAC Parliamentarian and now celebrates 50 years as a Member in Good standing. He plans to continue to dedicate his time to the League and to working to preserve Tejano Music History as founder of the Tejano Artist Music Museum and as serving as a member of the Board of Directors of Promesa Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Marcelo H. Tafoya has dedicated his life as a Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, and a person dedicated to serving his community and looks forward to seeing our community and children achieve their dreams and future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Travis County Commissioner's Court do hereby proclaim our appreciation for Mr. Marcelo Tafoya, on the occasion of his 50th anniversary as a leader with the League of Latin American Citizens, who has continued to promote LULAC's mission of advancing the economic, educational, political, and civil rights of all residents of Travis County.