

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF BLANCA E. SANCHEZ ELEMENTARY
2016 US CHESS NATIONAL ELEMENTARY CHAMPIONSHIP**

WHEREAS, Sanchez Elementary "Sanchez Scholars" chess team reached the 2016 National Elementary (K-1) Championship; and

WHEREAS, the team is comprised entirely of first graders: Gael Membrila, Benjamin Canchola, Leonardo Jean-Marie, Christian Morales, and Kendra Barrera; and

WHEREAS, Blanca E. Sanchez Elementary Principal Cynthia Rodriguez, District Coordinator Sandra C. Garza, and Chess Sponsor Mrs. Nora Garcia devoted much of their time and efforts into the preparation of the team. With Mrs. Garcia's outstanding guidance and the desire to succeed, she was able to lead her team to Nationals to compete in the championship tournament; and

WHEREAS, these young students have portrayed an immense amount of effort and commitment to the game of chess and have successfully earned a spot at the National Championship. They have made their family, school, city, and Hidalgo County extremely proud with all they have accomplished as a team; and

WHEREAS, The Sanchez Elementary chess team finished 20th in the K-1 Championship division at the National competition. Prior to competing at Nationals, they were also able to place 5th at the Texas Scholastic Chess Championship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby honors the Sanchez Elementary School chess team for their dedication and efforts and congratulates them on their outstanding performance.

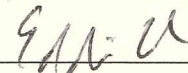
Dated this 25th day of May 2016.



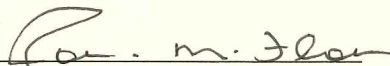
RAMON GARCIA
County Judge



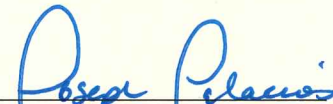
A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1



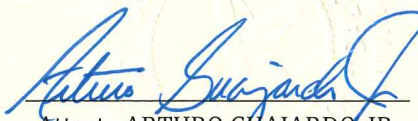
EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2



JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3



JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk