



EL PASO COUNTY STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION



Whereas, for 125 years, the Olympic Movement has worked to build a better and more peaceful world by educating young people through amateur athletics, bringing together athletes from many countries in friendly competition, and forging new relationships bound by friendship, solidarity, and fair play; and,

Whereas; El Pasoan Manny Reynoso knew he had earned his Spurs as a big-time basketball referee after former Indiana Hoosiers and newly-appointed Texas Tech basketball coach Bob Knight complimented him for his officiating work doing a game the United States Olympic basketball team played in the 1984 Los Angeles summer Olympiad. Night is world famous for his angry, face-to-face confrontations with unfortunate officials calling his games. However, Reynosa was praised by the hard-to-please night for his caliber of refereeing during the Olympic Games. Not too many basketball officials have been the recipients of boogers from bob Knight. Rain also knew he had arrived as a basketball referee after working and surviving a bob Knight coach game. To be fair to Manning Reynoso, he was already an Elite basketball official well before the Los Angeles Olympic Games. You do not get invited to officiate Olympic basketball in 1976 in Montreal, Canada, or in 1980 in Moscow, Russia, unless you are a very good official. Reynosa was invited to Montreal and Moscow, prior to the 23rd Olympiad in Los Angeles. Manny has donned a black and white striped official shirt for almost 40 years dating back to 1964 he started as all beginning officials Begin, by working numerous Elementary and prep games. He also called hundreds of high school games over the years before earning college and international status as a referee. As an NCAA referee, Reynoso has officiated games in the old Southwest Conference the wac, the old big 8, the Missouri Valley Conference, the big West, the Big Sky, the Lone Star conference, and the South America conference. Pressurized tournament basketball is something unofficial loves to call. They know so has been honored as a championship-caliber referee on several occasions. In addition to working the 1994 Olympics, Manny was chosen to work the National Junior College basketball championship game in Hutchinson, Kansas in 1990, 1991, and 1992. He has worked several Conference tournament games all over the United States, and has called numerous games in the NCAA tournament over the years. On the world stage, right now so has been chosen to officiate numerous men's and women's world tournament championship games. He is no stranger to the Pan-American games working in Cuba, Argentina, Canada, and and the United States in 1987, 1991, 1995, and 1999. Both the World tournament games and the man and the Pan American games are considered dress rehearsals for the Olympics. Working basketball games all over the world has been educational for Manny Reynoso. He speaks English, Spanish, Italian, Russian, and some French. He teaches physical education at Valley View at Middle Middle School in El Paso and is currently working on a doctorate degree in administration at New Mexico state; and,

Whereas, the people of the United States stand united in respect for and admiration of the members of the United States Olympic Teams, coaches and referees and the athletic accomplishments, sportsmanship, and dedication to excellence of the United States Olympic Team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the *El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court* that August 2nd 2021 be known as

“Olympians of El Paso”

SIGNED, this 2nd day of August 2021

Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

Commissioner David Stout, Pct. 2

Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

Commissioner Carl Robinson, Pct. 4

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge

