



EL PASO COUNTY  
STATE OF TEXAS

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RESOLUTION



***WHEREAS***, civic engagement and public service takes a variety of forms, and one of the most effective was for elected officials to engage with our constituents is through Neighborhood Associations, which take determination and hard work to organize; and

***WHEREAS***, Neighborhood Associations are integral not only to our ability as elected officials to engage, they also are integral to the American ideal of knowing and working with your neighbor toward common good; and

***WHEREAS***, the Yucca Neighborhood Association in the Bel Air area was proudly led and served by Mr. Ralph Cloud for more than 15 years until his passing on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Cloud ran an effective, organized, and productive meeting monthly where he took time to celebrate the neighborhood, especially in support of Bel Air High school; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Cloud would call the offices of the elected officials who represented the area within the Yucca Neighborhood Association boundaries on a monthly basis to ensure we were ready to speak, attend, and/or enjoy a moment in community, often joking with staff that he had just woken them up from a nap; and

***WHEREAS***, one of the great tragedies of the pandemic was not being able to meet in person with Mr. Cloud and so many other civic leaders who sought simply to advocate for, and to serve, their neighborhoods; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Cloud will be greatly missed by all who had the honor of knowing him in any capacity, including through his service with the Yucca Neighborhood Association.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, by the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court that we extend our heartfelt and sincere condolences to the Cloud family, reminding them that Mr. Cloud's service was appreciated by all of us and that his service will continue to live through the community.

***SIGNED***, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021

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Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

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Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2

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Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

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Commissioner Carl Robinson, Pct. 4

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Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge