

WHEREAS, the County of El Paso has sadly lost an esteemed and deep charitable leader with the passing of former City Council member and County Commissioner Carl Lee Robinson on December 22, 2023, at the age of 77; and,

WHEREAS born on November 16, 1946, Carl L. Robinson grew up in Cleveland, Ohio; although his family struggled financially, his mother still found time to volunteer and help others whenever she could, which left a profound impression on him as a child; he went on to serve his country as a member of the United States Army for 25 years, which included time overseas in Vietnam; he arrived in El Paso in 1977, where he was stationed at Fort Bliss; and,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Robinson successfully ran for a seat on the El Paso City Council and served as the Northeast city representative from 2009 until 2017, when term limits made him ineligible for reelection; he again won public office when he was elected to the El Paso County Commissioners Court, where his tenure lasted from 2018 to 2022; and,

WHEREAS, after retiring from the Army in 1991, Commissioner Robinson dedicated himself to making a difference in his community as an activist, volunteer, and organizer for a variety of local civic, charitable, and veterans' groups; he was involved with the Northeast Civic Association, Salvation Army, Transmountain Optimist Club, VFW Post No. 2451, and American Legion Post No. 832, among various other organizations; over the years; and,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Robinson helped feed over 500 families each year by cooking Christmas dinners with the Sheriff's Office and firefighters in Northeast El Paso. Commissioner Robinson led an annual food drive collecting and distributing 16 tons of food for ten shelters across the County and City delivering to families in need on Martin Luther King Jr. Day; he also organized an annual Thanksgiving dinner that fed 3-5 thousand people for the past 15 years and received awards and recognitions from many local organizations, as well as from Special Olympics Texas; and,

WHEREAS, during his time as Commissioner, he spearheaded the Enrique Moreno Courthouse renaming with a unanimous vote from the Court in memory of the respected attorney and unveiling of the monument and glass display case honoring the life of Mr. Enrique Moreno; and,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Robinson supported the completion of passenger Shelters Phase 1 in his respective precinct which included the installation of four new passenger shelters, concrete pads, and other amenities such as a map case, solar illumination, ADA mat, bike rack, and bench at each location. Commissioner Robinson also spearheaded the purchase of four Vac-Con heavy vacuum trucks used to help better respond to floods by removing multiple tons of ponding water from roadways, neighborhoods and canals and voted for the protection of employee's rights within the County retirement system; and,

WHEREAS, Carl Robinson was a pillar of his community and a source of inspiration to countless people, and he leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones can remember with pride.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court celebrates the life of Commissioner Carl L. Robinson and expresses deepest sympathy and love to his children, Anthony Robinson, Wannapha Marmolejo; his niece and lifetime provider Tami Douglas; and to all his relatives and friends.

SIGNED, this 8th day of January 2024

Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2

Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

Commissioner Sergio Coronado, Pct. 4

County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego