

AGENDA ITEM 4.A.

RE: Adopt a Resolution Honoring Resigning Trustee Judge Mercurio Martinez, Jr. for Distinguished Service to Laredo College and the Community and Take Action on Bestowing Trustee Emeritus Status to Judge Mercurio Martinez, Jr., Resigning Member of the Laredo College Board of Trustees

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt a resolution honoring resigning Trustee Judge Mercurio Martinez, Jr. for his distinguished service to Laredo College and the Community and take action on bestowing Trustee Emeritus Status to Judge Mercurio Martinez, Jr.

BACKGROUND: Judge Mercurio Martinez, Jr. has dedicated decades of service to Laredo College, its students, and the Laredo and Webb County communities. He served twenty-eight (28) years as a member of the Board of Trustees of Laredo Junior College/Laredo Community College, now Laredo College, including serving as President of the Board during significant periods of institutional growth and transition.

Judge Martinez's connection to the College also includes fifteen (15) years as a faculty member of Laredo Junior College. His leadership was particularly significant during the historic transition in which the Laredo Independent School District divested its interest in the College. At that pivotal time, Judge Martinez served as President of the Laredo Independent School District Board of Trustees and helped guide the community through this important change in the governance and future of the College.

In addition to his service to Laredo College and LISD, Judge Martinez has a distinguished record of public service, including serving as Webb County Judge and as a member of the Laredo City Council.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: None.

CONTACT PERSONS:

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