



PROCLAMATION HONORING RAMON NAJERA MILITARY LEGACY AND CELEBRATING HIS LIFE

WHEREAS, Ramon Najera, Jr., born on December 9, 1941, in San Antonio, Texas, honorably served his nation in the United States Air Force for 21 years, retiring with the distinguished rank of Master Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, during his decades of service, Master Sergeant Najera faithfully carried out assignments around the world—including South Korea, Germany, Spain, Ascension Island, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt—earning the respect of his peers, the admiration of his community, and the gratitude of a nation; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Najera's exemplary military career was recognized with numerous awards and commendations, including the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with four bronze oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal and Ribbon, the Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with one bronze oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Longevity Service Award with four bronze oak leaf clusters, the NCO Graduate Ribbon, the Small Arms Expert Marksman Ribbon, and the Army Good Conduct Medal and Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, beyond his military service, Ramon Najera was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and cherished member of the Leon Valley and San Antonio communities, admired for his love of music, art, gardening, and his friendly and generous spirit; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2023, Master Sergeant Najera tragically lost his life in a senseless dog attack, his final act being one of bravery and devotion as he shielded his beloved wife, Janie, from harm; and

WHEREAS, the community, his family, and leaders across Texas have since honored his memory, including a posthumous military tribute presented by Congressman Joaquin Castro in May 2025, ensuring his sacrifice, service, and legacy will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we, as a community, pause to recognize and honor Master Sergeant (Ret.) Ramon Najera, Jr., for his lifelong dedication to family, service to country, and his enduring impact on the lives of those around him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Chris Riley Mayor of the City of Leon Valley, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2025 as

“Master Sergeant Ramon Najera, Jr. Day”

in the City of Leon Valley and encourage all residents to honor his life, reflect on his service, and join in extending our deepest gratitude to his family for sharing his light, courage, and devotion with us all.

Signed by my hand on this the 21st day of October, 2025.

Mayor Chris Riley