

Board of Supervisors County of Tulare, State of California



Proclamation

HONORING FREDERICK R. RUIZ AS VISALIA EMERGENCY AID'S HOPE FOR CHILDREN AWARD


WHEREAS, Fred Ruiz founded Ruiz Foods in 1964 with his father Louis and in 40 years has become the nation's largest frozen Mexican food manufacturing company, with headquarters in Dinuba and offices in California and Texas; and

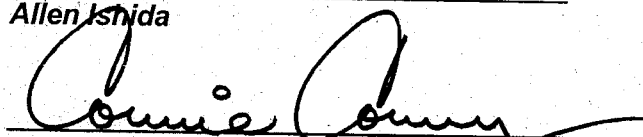
WHEREAS, in 1983 Fred and Louis Ruiz received the United States Small Business Persons of the Year Award and in 1992 received the Entrepreneurial Success Award; and

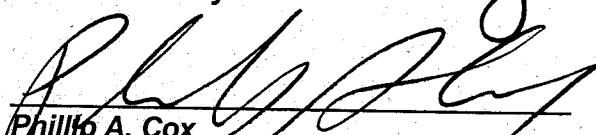
WHEREAS, in 1990 Fred Ruiz established the non-profit status of Ruiz 4 Kids which helps recognize a need to help area children through scholarships and supports children-related programs within local communities distributing more than \$1 million; and

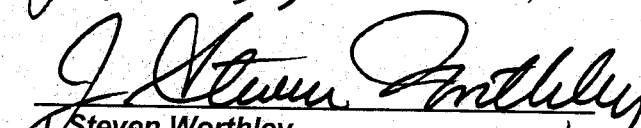
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Ruiz Foods, Inc. and Fred Ruiz for his dedication and commitment to children and the community, and for being chosen to receive the Hope for Children Award by the Visalia Emergency Aid on this day, August 18, 2006.

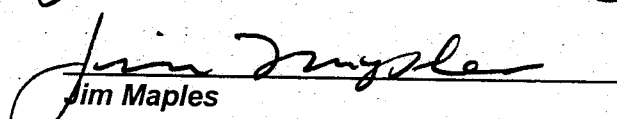



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