



# RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** José Griñán was a beloved and respected broadcast journalist whose enduring presence on Houston’s airwaves for three decades helped inform, connect, and uplift our community, and whose career reflected a deep commitment to storytelling, civic engagement, and public service; and

**WHEREAS,** born on July 24, 1952, in Tampa, Florida, to a Cuban father and a first-generation Cuban American mother, José began his storytelling journey as a cinematographer in the U.S. Army, producing documentaries that sparked his lifelong dedication to journalism; and

**WHEREAS,** his professional path took him across the country from his first anchor role in El Paso in 1975 to subsequent positions in Tampa, Miami, New York, and Dallas, before arriving in Houston in 1993, where he became the first male anchor on FOX 26’s morning show and established himself as a trusted voice in Houston households; and

**WHEREAS,** José covered some of the nation’s most consequential news stories with professionalism and empathy, including the Branch Davidian siege in Waco, the September 11 attacks, and the devastation of extreme weather events, always delivering vital information with clarity, poise, and compassion; and

**WHEREAS,** beyond the anchor desk, José served on the boards of the Dive Pirate Foundation, the Houston Read Commission, and Keep Houston Beautiful, and supported organizations such as the National Kidney Foundation, Special Olympics, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, embodying a spirit of service that touched lives across Harris County; and

**WHEREAS,** José was known not only for his journalistic excellence but also for his warmth, mentorship, and community involvement, forging meaningful relationships with colleagues and viewers alike, and reminding us all of the power of local journalism to inform and unite; and

**WHEREAS,** he was a proud member of both the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, and a proud husband, father, and grandfather whose legacy lives on in his family, his community, and the countless lives he impacted throughout his career; and

**WHEREAS,** José Griñán passed away in 2025 at the age of 72, leaving behind a rich legacy of service, storytelling, and dedication to the people of Harris County and beyond; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Harris County Commissioners Court honors the life and legacy of José Griñán, extends its deepest condolences to his family and loved ones, and recognizes his lasting contributions to journalism, civic life, and the broader community.

**ADOPTED** on this **12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025** by Harris County Commissioners Court, Harris County, Texas.

**LINA HIDALGO**, County Judge

**RODNEY ELLIS**, Commissioner  
Precinct One

**ADRIAN GARCIA**, Commissioner  
Precinct Two

**TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E.**, Commissioner  
Precinct Three

**LESLEY BRIONES**, Commissioner  
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

**Teneshia Hudspeth**, County Clerk  
Harris County, T E X A S