

Resolution naming the Annex Building at the Health District the “Tex Villarreal Vector Services Center”; and renaming the “City of Corpus Christi Health Department Tex Villarreal Animal Care and Vector Services Center” to the “City of Corpus Christi Animal Care Services.”

WHEREAS, Tex Villarreal started the mosquito control program in 1944 at the request of the United States Government;

WHEREAS, during his forty-one (41) year tenure with the Vector Control Department, his pioneering work set the standard for mosquito control and eradication not only around the country,

WHEREAS, during the St. Louis Encephalitis outbreak of 1966, Tex Villarreal and the City of Corpus Christi were propelled to national and world prominence when he developed the means for underground sewer fogging, which is where the disease-carrying species was breeding;

WHEREAS, Tex was a loyal and dedicated employee of the City of Corpus Christi for 41 years, serving as the City-County Health Department Vector Control Supervisor at the time of his retirement on May 31, 1985;

WHEREAS, Vector Control is being transferred to the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District and will no longer be a division of Animal Care Services; and

WHEREAS, Vector Control will no longer be located at 2626 Holly Road

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, that:

Section 1. The Annex Building at 1702 Horne Rd is named the “Tex Villarreal Vector Services Center”.

Section 2. The Animal Care Center at 2626 Holly Road is renamed the “City of Corpus Christi Animal Care Services.”

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary