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***WEBB COUNTY TREASURER SELECTED REGION 8'S NOMINEE FOR
2020 OUTSTANDING COUNTY TREASURER OF THE YEAR.***

April 29, 2020– Laredo, Texas: Last month Region 8 County Treasurer's met to select the regions nominee for the 2020 Outstanding County Treasurer of the Year and selected Webb County Treasurer Raul Reyes to be Region 8's nominee. Region 8 is represented by 18 County Treasurer's that include: Brooks County, Cameron County, Dimmit County, Duval County, Frio County, Hidalgo County, Jim Hogg County, Jim Wells County, Kenedy County, Kleberg County, LaSalle County, Maverick County, McMullen County, Starr County, Webb County, Willacy County, Zapata County and Zavala County.

All 12 Regions within the State of Texas have formally submitted their region's nominee. The County Treasurer's Association of Texas will be releasing the 2020 Nominees to all County Treasurer's in Texas and the winner will be voted on and announced at the 72nd Annual County Treasurers' Association of Texas Conference set for Sept. 21-24 in Waco.

The first County Treasurer of the Year Award was awarded in 1975 to the late Hallie Smith Sullivan of Crosby County. No County Treasurer from Webb County has received such award.

“As one of 8 new County Treasurer's of Region 8, I'm very humbled by the nomination. I have nothing but admiration and respect for every County Treasurer in our Region and across the state. To be considered amongst 245 counties with County Treasurer's for the Outstanding County Treasurer of the Year Award is truly humbling and will be a moment to cherish for years to come,” said County Treasurer Raul Reyes.

As the County Treasurer, Mr. Reyes serves as the County's Investment Officer, fully trained and equipped to invest county financial resources in accordance to the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA), and is a member of TAC's County Investment Academy. Mr. Reyes also serves as the Trustee for the Permanent School Land Funds, the Webb County Bail Bond Board, and is the Escrow Representative of the Webb County Medicaid Upper Payment Account. During his first year, Mr. Reyes has streamlined the operations of the Treasurer's Office and has made it more accessible to other county department and vendors. In the summer of 2019 Mr. Reyes launched his financial management workshop for students across the county and is working towards providing it to high school seniors in all 7 high schools in the fall of 2020,

dependent on the COVID 19 pandemic. The workshops are catered towards teaching students the different types of currency, its value and how to start saving money. Within his first year in office Mr. Reyes has diversified the county's investment portfolio and has increased investment income while ensuring investment liquidity as required by the PFIA. Through the launch of the ACH Payment Program, Mr. Reyes and the County Treasurer's Office has provided vendors an option to opt in and receive payments via Electronic Fund Transfer's. Before the COVID19 pandemic Mr. Reyes instituted FREE Notary Services to Webb County residents conducting business with the county and hopes to resume them in the near future.

Mr. Reyes is an active member of the Laredo/Webb County community and serves on numerous boards and committees. He serves as a proud member of the Laredo Day Break Rotary Club, a board member of the Sisters of Mercy's Mercy Ministries of Laredo, a board member of the Triumph Public High School Local Management Board, president of the League of United Latin American Citizens Council #22387 and a member of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials. His most memorable experience was having been invited by the United States Department of State to represent the country in the African Continent and serve as a motivational and inspirational speaker to the young adults in Lusaka, Zambia.