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Rio Grande City Men Inducted into Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame

Rio Grande City, Texas (March 9, 2016) — Rio Grande City citizens Dr. Antonio Falcon and Mr. Rodolfo Carlos "RC" Salinas were inducted into the 2016 Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at the State Farm Arena in Hidalgo, Texas.

Dr. Falcon and Mr. Salinas received the honor for their life achievements and significant civic contributions to Rio Grande City, the Rio Grande Valley and South Texas.

"We are thankful to Dr. Falcon and Mr. Salinas for their tireless efforts and contributions to the causes important to the people of Rio Grande City," said Mayor Joel Villarreal. "We extend our warmest congratulations to them for receiving this distinguished honor."

The Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame at the State Farm Arena was created in 2005 and to date has inducted 470 Rio Grande Valley citizens nominated by their respective city and chamber of commerce.

The City of Rio Grande City selected to honor Dr. Antonio Falcon, Medical Director and staff physician at Family Medical Center LLP in Rio Grande City. Dr. Falcon has been providing quality and compassionate care to his patients in Rio Grande City for over 35 years. He is also active in increasing awareness of the border health care needs through his involvement at the federal, state and local levels. Last year, Dr. Falcon was named Physician of the Year, the highest honor among Texas family doctors by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians. He is a current member of the Texas Medical Association, and serves on the medical staff at Starr County Memorial Hospital and Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance. He's previously served as presidential appointee to the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission and member of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission. In 2015, Dr. Falcon was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to the Governor's University Research Initiative Advisory Committee, helping universities recruit nationally-recognized researchers to their schools and faculty. He is also a member and past president of the Hidalgo Starr Medical Society and has served on the boards of Rio Grande City CISD and Starr County Memorial Hospital. Dr. Falcon is a past Rotarian of

the Rotary Club of Rio Grande City. He is an active member of First United Methodist Church in Rio Grande City. He is married to Kathleen Falcon and has four children and 6 grandchildren.

The Rio Grande City Greater Chamber of Commerce chose to honor Mr. Rodolfo Carlos "RC" Salinas. Mr. Salinas retired from Rio Grande City CISD after a 54-year career in education. He currently serves as a Catholic Deacon at Sacred Heart Church in Escobares, Texas. He has also served at the Catholic Church in La Rosita and El Sauz, Texas since becoming ordained nearly 36 years ago. Mr. Salinas takes pride in his work supporting the rehabilitation of delinquent juveniles and has provided religious services at both the Starr County Juvenile Detention Center and at Evans Juvenile Detention Center in Edinburg, Texas. In 1998, Mr. Salinas volunteered at the Alcoholic Anonymous Organization in Camargo, Tamaulipas, where he helped many fight their addiction and reintegrate into their community. Mr. Salinas currently volunteers at the Rio Grande City Municipal Court providing community service counseling to youth and adults. Mr. Salinas is also an avid Rio Grande City historian. He has shared his knowledge of Rio Grande City as a volunteer tour guide on Rio Grande City's Bessie III Trolley Tour and author of several local and regionally published articles about Rio Grande City's vibrant history. Mr. Salinas is a member of the Starr County Historical Commission, Rio Grande City Historical Preservation Committee, Fort Ringgold Restoration Committee and is a past Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Rio Grande City. He is married to Sylvia Salinas and has two children.

Rio Grande City proudly congratulates the two gentlemen for their extraordinary accomplishments.

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Photo #1 caption: Dr. Antonio Falcon

Photo #2 caption: R.C. Salinas with presented award.