

**THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
IS PRESENTED TO**

**JESSE FRAGA & HIS FAMILY**

**ON AUGUST 1, 2015  
AT THE ANNUAL FRAGA PICNIC**

**HONORING HIS LEGACY  
OF  
BEING A SELF-MADE MAN**

**I AM GOING TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR UNCLE  
JESSE. UNCLE JESSE WAS ALWAYS SPECIAL TO MY MOTHER,  
HIS OLDER SISTER, AND THAT SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP  
CONTINUED THROUGHOUT HER LIFE. I THINK THAT IS  
ONE OF THE REASONS SHE AND MY DAD CHOSE UNCLE  
JESSE AND AUNT PAULINE TO BE MY GOD-PARENTS.**

**I ALWAYS LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING HIM AS A CHILD  
BECAUSE HE ALWAYS TOOK THE TIME TO TALK AND  
*LISTEN* TO ME, NOT TO MENTION HE ALWAYS GAVE ME A  
SHINY HALF DOLLAR.**

**AS I GREW OLDER UNCLE JESSE WOULD NEVER FAIL TO SIT  
ME DOWN TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON IN MY LIFE  
AND ALWAYS HAD GOOD ADVICE FOR ME. AND I MUST  
ADMIT I ALWAYS TOOK HIS ADVICE TO HEART.**

**I WAS ALWAYS IMPRESSED WITH HIS KNOWLEDGE ON  
EVERYTHING FROM POLITICS TO SPORTS. HE WAS ALWAYS  
WELL VERSED ON WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE CITY OF  
DETROIT AND THAT WAS OFTEN THE FOCUS OF OUR  
CONVERSATION.**

**OUR CONVERSATIONS WOULD USUALLY END WITH UNCLE  
JESSE SLAPPING ME IN THE GUT AND TELLING ME TO STAY  
IN SHAPE AND TO BE CAREFUL DEALING WITH THE BAD  
GUYS I ENCOUNTERED.**

**UNCLE JESS CONTINUE.....**

**UNCLE JESSE IS SOMEONE I TOTALLY RESPECT AND I ALWAYS SEE HIM AS THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A SELF-MADE MAN AND LIVING PROOF THAT HARD WORK CAN OVERCOME JUST ABOUT ANYTHING LIFE THROWS YOUR WAY. I ALWAYS HAVE AND ALWAYS WILL BE EXTREMELY PROUD TO CALL HIM MY GOD-FATHER.**

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**RAMON VALDEZ & THE VALDEZ FAMILY**