

**THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
IS PRESENTED TO**

PAUL FRAGA & HIS FAMILY

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

HONORING HIS LEGACY

DEDICATION TO FAMILY

IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO UNCLE PAUL, MY GODFATHER, WHO IS THE NINTH CHILD OF OUR GRANDPARENTS, VALERIANO AND MARTINA. HE WAS BORN IN 1927 AND RAISED ON THE FARM. HIS PARENTS HAVING COME TO THE U. S. FOR A BETTER LIFE INSTILLED IN HIM AND ALL THEIR CHILDREN THE PROMISE OF THE "AMERICAN DREAM".

LOOKING BACK ON HIS LIFE TWO MAIN THINGS ARE CLEAR, FIRST THAT HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN PROUD OF HIS MEXICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND SECOND THAT IN EVERY ASPECT OF HIS LIFE HE HAS FULFILLED THAT PROMISE. IN HIS LIFE'S WORK AND IN THE IDEALS AND STANDARDS THAT HE INSTILLED IN HIS CHILDREN THIS IS SELF-EVIDENT.

FOR UNCLE PAUL AND HIS BELOVED WIFE, OUR DEAR AUNT ELEANOR IT WAS THE IMPORTANCE AND PRIORITY THEY ALWAYS GAVE TO THEIR FAMILY THAT THEY HAPPILY RAISED FIVE GREAT CHILDREN. HE WORKED HARD TO PROVIDE A LOVING HOME ENVIRONMENT, GIVING THEM A SOLID, STRONG FOUNDATION WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, SO THEY TOO COULD THEN BENEFIT FROM HIS SUCCESS AND GO ON TO ACHIEVE THEIR OWN DREAMS.

UNCLE PAUL HAS BEEN A STAUNCH LIBERAL AND UNION MAN PRETTY MUCH ALL HIS LIFE. HE RECENTLY CELEBRATED 65 YEARS WITH IBEW! ALSO, HE ALONG WITH HIS BROTHERS, HAVE SERVED THEIR COUNTRY WITH HONOR. THIS AND HIS UNION MEMBERSHIP HAVE BOTH BEEN POSITIVE INFLUENCES FOR HIM.

THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE HE HAS LIVED WITH BOTH PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY, WHILE MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST OF PRINCIPLES AND VALUES WITH SUCH STRENGTH OF CHARACTER SO THAT EVERYONE WHO KNOWS HIM,