

## IN HOMAGE TO A GREAT LORICENSE/LORIGUENSE

-LORIGA;VISITS THE BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORICAL TOWN,IN THE MOUNTAIN RANGE OF THE SERRA DA ESTRELA-  
-THE LOBRIGA OF THE CELTS AND THE LUSITANIANS-  
-ESTABLISHED STRATEGICALLY,IT HAS TWO A THOUSAND MORE THAN AND SIX HUNDRED YEARS,IN HIGH OF THE HILL,BETWEEN TWO BANKS [TODAY THE RIBEIRA DE LORIGA AND THE RIBEIRA DE S.BENTO]-  
-PLURIMILENARIAN POPULATION-  
-THE POPULATION APPEARED ORIGINALLY IN THE PLACE WHERE CURRENTLY IT IS THE HISTORICAL CENTER OF THE TOWN-  
-POSSIBLE CRADLE OF VIRIATHUS,THAT WAS BORN,WITHOUT A DOUBT,IN THE HERMÍNIUS [ACTUAL SERRA DA ESTRELA] WHERE WAS SHEPHERD SINCE CHILD-  
-TRADE BILL OF THE BOOK MANUSCRIPT,HISTÓRIA DA LUSITÂNIA [BISPO MOR DO REINO,1580]:... "IT SUCCEEDED SHEPHERD VIRIATHUS,BORN IN LOBRIGA,TODAY THE LORIGA TOWN,IN THE TOP OF A MOUNTAIN OF THE SERRA DA ESTRELA,BISPADO DE COIMBRA..."-  
-THE LORICA OF THE ROMANS [LORICA LUSITANORUM CASTRUM EST] THAT THE NAME DUE TO IT STRATEGICAL POSITION HAD PUT IN THE MOUNTAIN RANGE AND FOR HAVING BEEN A LUSITANIAN BASTION AGAINST THE ROMANS INVADERS-  
-[LORICA,OF THE LATIN,OR LORIGA - NAME OF OLD WARLIKE HARNESS].IS A CASE THAT RARE IN PORTUGAL OF A NAME THAT PRACTICALLY KEEPS UNCHANGED IT HAS TWO A THOUSAND YEARS,BEING HIGHLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ANTIQUITY AND THE HISTORY OF THE TOWN [THEREFORE,THE HARNESS IS THE CENTRAL AND BASIC PART OF THE COAT OF ARMS OF THE TOWN]-  
-IMPORTANT VISIGOTIC TOWN.THE VISIGODS THE S.GENS HAD LEFT DEDICATED A HERMITAGE,AND HAD BEEN THEY WHO HAD STARTED TO USE THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE ROMAN NAME [LORIGA]-  
-MUNICIPALITY SINCE CENTURY XI [IT RECEIVED OF JOÃO RHÂNIA [LANDLORD OF LANDS OF LORIGA IN THE D.AFONSO HENRIQUES TIME],D.AFONSO III,D.AFONSO V,AND D.MANUEL I,RESPECTIVELY]-  
-PARISH SINCE CENTURY XI,THE FIRST CHURCH WAS CONSTRUCTED IN CENTURY XIII-  
-INDUSTRIAL TOWN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF CENTURY XIX,EVEN SO ACTIVITY ALREADY EXISTED IN CENTURY VI-  
-THE LOCALITY GEOGRAPHICALLY NEXT TO THE TORRE,THE POINT HIGHEST OF THE MOUNTAIN OF SERRA DA ESTRELA [IT INCLUDES IN ITS ÀREA THE SKI TRACKS,UNIQUE IN PORTUGAL].LORIGA IS THE CAPITAL OF THE SNOW IN PORTUGAL.WELCOME TO PRACTISE SKI TO THE LORIGA TOWN-  
-ONE OF MOST BEAUTIFUL TOWNS AND ONE OF THE OLDEST POPULATIONS OF PORTUGAL-  
-LORIGA REGION [ÀREA OF OLD LORICENSE MUNICIPALITY]:TOWN OF LORIGA AND THE VILLAGES OF ALVOCO DA SERRA,CABEÇA,TEIXEIRA,SAZES DA BEIRA,VALEZIM AND VIDE.COMPOSE THE ASSOCIAÇÃO DE FREGUESIAS DA SERRA DA ESTRELA,WITH HEADQUARTERS IN THE LORIGA TOWN-  
-WELCOME TO THE BEAUTIFUL REGION OF LORIGA -WELCOME TO THE BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORICAL LORIGA-

- [NOTE:It had who,of little rigorous form,or tendenteous,wanted to make to pass the idea from that Loriga alone received the charter one D.Manuel I,being arrived to attribute to that king dated documents of 1474 and 1477[D.Manuel I initiated ts reign in 1495],and affirming to be oldest with references Loriga,in a forced attempt to erase the historical and municipal past of the town,previous to century XVI [important documents had disappeared of strange and convenient form and had invented history to suit],thus trying also to justify and legitimize the great injustice of that Loriga was victim in 1855!In this year,the revenge politics and intrigues it moved by expansionists desires,had dictated the end of the Municipality of Loriga.

It was also written that Loriga would have appeared originally in a place known by Chão do Soito where existed a species of "provisory Loriga",Only later the habitants if would have of the error of the choice of that place and if they would have moved for the current localization,there to the side!Given the characteristics of the Chão do Soito,compared with the ones of the place where of Loriga fact it was established,alone who knows little or does not know nothing about history,and consequently it is unaware of the habits of the populations of the time,or wants to insult them,it is thatit can affirm such thing!It is a theory ridicule that only serves to denigrate the image of ancestors of the Loricenses,sending them for the world of the anecdotes:"Not thinking and slow which "little heads not thinkers" had established a village,and alone later they had understood that they had made it in the wrong place and to the side of the ideal place,against the logic of the time!"By the way,at no time the hill where the historical center of Loriga exists,would be neglected and changed for the other place!

These and other ideas meaningless had been copied by others and are seen written by there,giving a wrong idea of the history of Loriga] -

### HOMAGE:

The Mr.CONDE,of one forms discrete,since the personal promotion never was its intent,has dedicated great part of is time to the study and inquiry of history,to the defense of the patrimony and the development,and to the spreading of the town of Loriga.One small part of the result of its study on the history of the town of Loriga already was published in the periodical Garganta de Loriga and another press place,regional,national and the international.This small part of its research is available in diverse sites and other publications on Loriga (with or without references to its name),of diverse authors,and is known of the Loricenses.They are available,in the most diverse sites and other publications,trade bills of some of its published articles(with or without references to its name).

Also they are known,and in view of exclusively the related intent,its always assumed initiatives,in being able them public,official entities,the regional and national press,and portuguese and foreign television stations.

It is a always intent Lorigense to that if it passes in its land-birthplace,which arrests strong roots.Its work has been of great importance for the resolution of the main problems of the town of Loriga,for the knowledge of its history,and for its

spreading,inside and outside of Portugal.The its work it was,and it has been basic,to take off Loriga of the shade where it was dived,giving it to know it Portugal and the whole world.

By the way of the main problems of the town,it is distinguished,for example,its decisive intervention in the following cases:Conclusion of EN 338 (known local for Estrada de S.Bento),construction of the new building of Escola C+S de Loriga,repairing of EN 231,construction of the quarter of the Bombeiros Voluntários de Loriga,classification of the historical patrimony,order the heraldic symbols of the town,installation of a museum o the wool manufacturing,construction of a hall of desports.

The Mr.CONDE has not been worried only about the town,but also about Region of Loriga,that is,with the villages who belonged to the old Municipality of Loriga.Is the region with a proper identity,to preserve and develop,and that i has defended and divulgedas such.

By the way,the Mr.CONDE is a culture man,with great and diversified capacities,and as such,the work for its land-birthplace and its region,is only one part of its interests and activities. ....

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Mr. CONDE's ( António Conde ) coat of arms.

