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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Laredo lost an admired community
2 leader with the death of Javier Garza on August 27, 2023, at the age
3 of 93; and

4 WHEREAS, Javier Garza was born to Felix Garza and Francisca
5 Salinas Garza on February 9, 1930; raised in Laredo, he grew up with
6 the companionship of a brother, Luis; he graduated from
7 St. Augustine High School with the Class of 1947 and later enrolled
8 at the Southern Methodist University Southwestern Graduate School
9 of Banking; and

10 WHEREAS, After high school, Mr. Garza joined Laredo National
11 Bank as a messenger, and he was soon trained in departmental
12 operations; he went on to rise through the ranks and eventually
13 became executive vice president in charge of the international
14 department, where he distinguished himself through his expertise on
15 the banking system in Mexico; though he officially retired after 51
16 years of service, he continued to act as a trusted consultant to the
17 bank; and

18 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Garza gave of his time
19 and talents as president of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce and the
20 Logistics and Manufacturing Association, and he served as chair of
21 the board and interim executive director for the Laredo Development
22 Foundation, which later became the Laredo Economic Development
23 Corporation; moreover, he was appointed to the Texas Economic
24 Development and Tourism Office and the board of the Federal Reserve

1 Bank of Dallas; his accomplishments included helping establish the
2 Maquiladora twin plant system in the Laredo area as well as the
3 city's first cold storage facility, and he was instrumental in
4 developing new shipping routes for Mexican coffee that funneled the
5 commodity through Laredo; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional and civic endeavors,
7 Mr. Garza maintained several ranches in South Texas, where he
8 enjoyed hosting family and impressing guests with his skill in
9 making guisado; he was also an avid and expert deer hunter; and

10 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mr. Garza was devoted to his wife of
11 73 years, Cristina, and their children, Lauro, Adrienne, David, and
12 Roberto; with the passing years, he had the privilege of seeing his
13 family grow to include his nine grandchildren, Evan, Cristina,
14 Lauren, Morgan, Joseph, Laura, Mary, Christopher, and Nicholas, and
15 five great-grandchildren, Kai, Sena, Nino, Roma, and Felix; and

16 WHEREAS, Javier Garza earned the admiration of all who knew
17 him, not only for his success as a business and civic leader but
18 also for his exceptional kindness and generosity, and he leaves
19 behind a legacy that will resonate in the Laredo community for years
20 to come; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 4th
22 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Javier Garza and
23 extend sincere condolences to his family and friends; and, be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
27 day, it do so in memory of Javier Garza.