

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Ruben E. Garza of San Marcos on December 26, 2022, at the  
3 age of 63; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in McAllen on September 23, 1959, Ruben Garza  
5 was the son of Gloria and Eleazar Garza, and he grew up with the  
6 companionship of three siblings, Diana, Rick, and Graciela; later  
7 in life, he became the proud father of a daughter, Kathryn; and

8           WHEREAS, After receiving his bachelor's degree in political  
9 science from Southwest Texas State University, Mr. Garza worked in  
10 the office of State Senator Gonzalo Barrientos and at the Texas  
11 General Land Office; he later returned to San Marcos and became the  
12 executive director of the Southside Community Center; in his 36  
13 years of distinguished service, he oversaw the development of  
14 affordable senior housing, coordinated Thanksgiving dinners for  
15 thousands of people each year, and was integral to the creation of a  
16 summer program that improved the homes of local residents who are  
17 low-income, elderly, or disabled; and

18           WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his community, Mr. Garza served  
19 as the first Hispanic president of the San Marcos Consolidated  
20 Independent School District, and he was a member of the San Marcos  
21 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Youth Service Bureau,  
22 and Blanco River Regional Recovery Team; sustained by a deep and  
23 abiding faith, he was a dedicated congregant of First United  
24 Methodist Church; and

1           WHEREAS, Ruben Garza made a lasting and positive difference  
2 in the San Marcos community and beyond, and he will forever remain a  
3 source of inspiration to those who were fortunate enough to know  
4 him; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ruben E. Garza and  
7 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
8 daughter, Kathryn Garza; to his siblings, Diana Negrete and her  
9 husband, David, and Rick Garza and his wife, Maritza; to his nieces  
10 and nephews; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
11 further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruben  
15 Garza.

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H.R. No. 634

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 634 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 30, 2023.

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Chief Clerk of the House