

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rudy D. Garza was named president and CEO of CPS
2 Energy in San Antonio in September 2022, becoming the first
3 Hispanic person to lead the utility; and

4 WHEREAS, Previously, Mr. Garza distinguished himself as
5 interim chief of CPS Energy, which is ranked as the country's
6 largest municipally owned electric and natural gas company; over
7 the course of just 10 months, he led the utility to the approval of
8 the first rate case in eight years, as well as the approval of the
9 next phase of energy efficiency and conservation programs,
10 representing significant innovation on a path to net zero; he also
11 engaged in fruitful discussions with the board of trustees and the
12 Rate Advisory Committee on future power generation planning; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Garza has more than 25 years of experience in
14 the utility industry, in both the public and private sectors; he
15 joined CPS Energy in 2012 and has served in a number of roles;
16 before becoming interim president and CEO, he was chief customer
17 and stakeholder engagement officer; as senior vice president of
18 distribution service and operations, he oversaw the maintenance and
19 construction activity of the electric distribution system; he also
20 served the company as vice president of external relations; and

21 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin,
22 Mr. Garza earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering
23 and went on to complete a master's degree in business
24 administration at the University of North Texas; he is a member of

1 the advisory board for the UT Cockrell School of Engineering; in
2 addition, he benefits the local community through his service on a
3 number of boards; and

4 WHEREAS, Rudy Garza has demonstrated exceptional skill, deep
5 knowledge, and a strong commitment to transparency, and CPS Energy
6 is sure to benefit greatly from his experienced leadership in the
7 years to come; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Rudy D. Garza on his appointment as
10 president and CEO of CPS Energy and extend to him sincere best
11 wishes for the future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Garza as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 673

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 673 was adopted by the House on April 5, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House