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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Heider Garcia is concluding his exemplary tenure as
2 Tarrant County elections administrator on June 23, 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, Widely recognized as a leader in his field,
4 Mr. Garcia was hired by Tarrant County in 2018; he implemented the
5 new Electronic Poll Book platform, advanced the process for
6 purchasing new voting equipment, and successfully advocated for
7 adoption of the Vote Centers model of voting, also known as
8 countywide polling; in 2020, Tarrant County earned an Achievement
9 Award from the National Association of Counties in the category of
10 Information Technology for Modernizing Election Systems; and

11 WHEREAS, Under Mr. Garcia's leadership as administrator, the
12 county also received positive reviews from a state audit of the 2020
13 voting process, and former Texas Secretary of State John B. Scott
14 praised his performance as a model for all to emulate; Mr. Garcia
15 has demonstrated a great willingness to address the concerns of
16 citizens, answering their questions and welcoming them to tour
17 elections facilities and review records; he serves as vice
18 president of the Texas Association of Elections Administrators; and

19 WHEREAS, Previously, Mr. Garcia was the elections manager
20 for Placer County, California, and he served as election systems
21 manager for the project team that ran the 2010 automated elections
22 in the Philippines, a country of more than 50 million registered
23 voters; he was responsible for customizing the technology,
24 certifying the solution under VVSG standards in the United States,

1 and ensuring total compliance with local legislation; at the end of
2 the project, he responded to the information requests from the
3 nation's legislative oversight committees; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Pennsylvania, Mr. Garcia earned his
5 bachelor's degree in computer engineering from Simon Bolivar
6 University in his parents' native Venezuela; he began working as a
7 software developer for a company that entered the elections
8 business, and he was placed in charge of voting machine deployment
9 and certification for 12 nationwide election processes; and

10 WHEREAS, Heider Garcia has greatly benefited residents of
11 Tarrant County through his skill, expertise, and steadfast
12 dedication to the efficiency, accuracy, and transparency of the
13 elections process, and his contributions have earned the admiration
14 of citizens and professional colleagues alike, in Tarrant County
15 and beyond; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor Heider Garcia for his outstanding service
18 as Tarrant County elections administrator and extend to him sincere
19 best wishes for continued success in his endeavors; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mr. Garcia as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.