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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Edgardo Garcia has rendered outstanding service as
2 chief of the Dallas Police Department; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of Puerto Rico, Eddie Garcia became the
4 department's first Latino chief in 2021; he swiftly implemented
5 measures that resulted in a 12 percent decrease in violent
6 street-level crime; during summer 2022, a season when urban crime
7 typically rises, overall violent crime declined by nearly three
8 percent; his data-driven initiatives include hot spot policing,
9 place network investigations to disrupt criminal groups, and
10 focused deterrence, a long-term project to alter the behavior of
11 high-risk offenders through a combination of arrests, community
12 engagement, and social services; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Garcia developed strategies with input from
14 criminologists, city leaders, local residents, and members of the
15 police department; emphasizing the importance of involving
16 stakeholders, he has continued to seek feedback from the wider
17 community through listening sessions and other forms of outreach;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Known for his energetic, hands-on style and
20 commitment to 21st-century policing methods, Chief Garcia built his
21 sterling reputation over the course of a 29-year career with the San
22 Jose Police Department in California; he joined the force as an
23 officer in 1992, and as he rose through the ranks, he gained
24 experience in numerous areas, from patrol, narcotics, and emergency

1 response to homicide investigations; named chief in 2016, he worked
2 tirelessly to develop community trust, increase transparency, and
3 maintain proactive operations while embracing fair, impartial
4 constitutional policing; he significantly increased minority
5 recruiting as well; bilingual himself, he implemented instruction
6 in basic Spanish in the police academy and launched a
7 Spanish-language Facebook page; he holds a bachelor's degree in
8 criminal justice management from Union Institute and University and
9 studied administration of justice at De Anza College; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Garcia has made a tremendous positive impact
11 in Dallas through his vision, expertise, and steadfast dedication
12 to public safety, and his accomplishments have earned the deep
13 admiration and appreciation of his colleagues and fellow citizens
14 alike; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
16 hereby honor Dallas Police Chief Edgardo "Eddie" Garcia for his
17 service and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success
18 in his vital endeavors; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Chief Garcia as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas Senate.