

By: Cook, et al.

S.R. No. 536

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mark Garcia has served the Texas Legislature as
2 Senate auditor for 25 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia is a graduate of Concordia University
4 Texas, where he played baseball as a left-handed pitcher and
5 designated hitter; during his collegiate baseball career, he set 2
6 school records and hit more than 20 home runs, all while earning his
7 bachelor's degree in accounting; he began his professional career
8 with the State Auditor's Office, where he conducted financial and
9 performance reviews of agencies, schools, and universities; after
10 six years, he accepted a position with the Texas Comptroller of
11 Public Accounts; his responsibilities included teaching others the
12 state accounting system and assisting with the Comprehensive Annual
13 Financial Report during busy seasons; and

14 WHEREAS, In January 2000, Mr. Garcia was hired as Senate
15 auditor; he has demonstrated exceptional skill, diligence, and
16 dedication while budgeting for Senate offices; moreover, his
17 kindness and sense of humor have brightened the days for his
18 colleagues and have brought him many friendships in the Capitol
19 community; since 2004, he has played in the Senate Christmas band,
20 the Gaveltones, and in 2024, his daughter, Brianna, shared the
21 stage at the holiday party; he also helps make chili to fund this
22 annual event; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia has further benefited his fellow citizens
24 by participating numerous times in the Texas MS 150 bicycle

1 fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, riding with
2 the General Land Office's team; in all his endeavors, he is
3 supported by the love and encouragement of his wife, Marlina, and he
4 takes great pride in his two children, Brianna and Alex, and his two
5 stepchildren, Aidan and William; and

6 WHEREAS, Through his professionalism, expertise, and
7 commitment to excellence, Mark Garcia has made significant
8 contributions to the Texas Senate, and he is truly deserving of
9 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
11 hereby honor Mark Garcia for his 25 years of service as Texas Senate
12 auditor and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Garcia as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 Senate.