

By: Pena

H.R. No. 111

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On July 27, 2003, businessman Joe Garza is
2 commemorating the 10th anniversary of Lone Star Publishing, the
3 company he founded in 1993 that publishes the *Mid-Valley Star* for
4 the communities of Edinburg and Edcouch-Elsa; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Nuevo Leon, Mexico, Mr. Garza immigrated
6 with his family to Edinburg in 1965 and spent much of his childhood
7 working as a migrant farm laborer in fields across the United
8 States; he later served as a field radio operator in the United
9 States Marine Corps, First Marine Division; and

10 WHEREAS, This hardworking Texan joined the Elsa Police
11 Department in 1979 before attending the Harlingen Police Academy,
12 where he graduated with full honors and earned his law enforcement
13 certification; he went on to become a deputy constable for the Delta
14 area, serving citizens in the communities of Edcouch, Elsa, La
15 Villa, La Blanca, Monte Alto, and Hargill, and, continuing his
16 education, completed additional training in civil process,
17 accident investigation, narcotics investigation, and firearms
18 instruction; and

19 WHEREAS, Ten years ago Mr. Garza, recognizing the need for an
20 independent and locally owned Hidalgo County newspaper, boldly
21 embarked on a new professional path by launching Lone Star
22 Publishing, and on July 27, 1993, the first edition of the
23 *Mid-Valley Star* rolled off the presses; over the course of the past
24 decade, the paper has earned a loyal and appreciative readership

1 and the support of the Hidalgo County business community; the
2 success of the *Mid-Valley Star*, which is widely read throughout the
3 cities of Edinburg, Edcouch, and Elsa, has also directly assisted
4 local chapters of the American Heart Association, Boys and Girls
5 Clubs of America, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as the
6 Edcouch-Elsa Lions Club, an organization Mr. Garza served as
7 president in 2000; and

8 WHEREAS, With the unwavering support of his wife Janie
9 Gonzalez Garza and his three children, Cassandra, Ismael, and
10 Sarah, Joe Garza has truly helped to make lasting and invaluable
11 contributions to the South Texas community; Representative Aaron
12 Pena has justly recognized this exemplary individual by passing
13 this resolution in his behalf during the 78th Legislative Session;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
16 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Joe Garza on his
17 many significant contributions benefiting the Lower Rio Grande
18 Valley community and extend to him best wishes for continued
19 success and happiness; and, be it further

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