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H.R. No. 41

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely death of Dennis Ray Garza of Round Rock
2 on March 29, 2004, at the age of 42, has brought a profound loss to
3 the family members and many friends of this distinguished Texan;
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5 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Corpus Christi, Mr. Garza was a
6 skilled debater and golfer who competed at the statewide level in
7 both vocations during his years as a student at King High School; he
8 went on to graduate from Texas Tech University and The University of
9 Texas School of Law in Austin, winning the latter's mock trial
10 competition before earning his law degree in 1986; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Garza became one of the Lone Star State's top
12 litigators and worked as a senior attorney and deputy division
13 chief for the general litigation division of the attorney general's
14 office and as a litigator for American Airlines in Dallas over the
15 course of his career; in each position, Mr. Garza demonstrated the
16 utmost professionalism and integrity, earning the esteem and
17 admiration of his colleagues; and

18 WHEREAS, Passionate in the pursuit of equal treatment for
19 all, he championed the cause of civil rights in local and state
20 politics, and he served as president of Austin LULAC Council 650 and
21 the South Austin Mexican American Democrats; in addition, he
22 graciously gave of his time and talents as an officer of the Capital
23 Metro Board, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the River City
24 Youth Foundation; and

1 WHEREAS, A valued congregant of Our Lady of Guadalupe
2 Catholic Church in Austin and highly involved in the ACTS movement,
3 Mr. Garza was also a devoted family man who treasured his
4 relationship with his wife, Rita, and their two children, Angelica
5 and Jonathan; and

6 WHEREAS, Those who were privileged to know Dennis Ray Garza
7 will long remember him with affection and admiration, and his
8 legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of the many people whose
9 lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
11 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
12 Dennis Ray Garza and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
13 family: to his wife, Rita Garza; to his children, Angelica and
14 Jonathan Garza; to his parents, Arnold and Anita Garza; to his
15 brothers, Arnold David Garza and his wife, Tonie, and Dr. James E.
16 Garza; to his grandmother, Lillie Delgado; and to the other family
17 members and friends of this esteemed man; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dennis Ray
21 Garza.