

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Hector P. Garcia of Corpus Christi earned
2 nationwide renown as a humanitarian and civil rights advocate; and

3 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas Medical Branch
4 at Galveston, this proud patriot joined the United States Army
5 during World War II, immediately after completing his surgical
6 internship; he attained the rank of major in the Medical Corps and
7 earned a Bronze Star with six battle stars for his valorous service;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Following his military discharge, Dr. Garcia opened
10 a medical practice in Corpus Christi, where he often provided free
11 medical care to those who could not afford to pay, and saw the
12 effects of discrimination against Mexican Americans; and

13 WHEREAS, This truly notable Texan established the American
14 GI Forum, an organization composed primarily of veterans and
15 dedicated to securing equal rights for American Latinos, and
16 throughout his life, he worked for such causes as bilingual
17 education, school desegregation, job creation, and housing; and

18 WHEREAS, The American GI Forum today continues to reflect
19 this remarkable humanitarian's deep commitment to treating others
20 with dignity and to working within the system to effect change; and

21 WHEREAS, Long active in politics on the state and national
22 levels, Dr. Garcia was named by President Lyndon B. Johnson as a
23 member of the National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity and
24 the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and as a delegate to the United

1 Nations, and President Ronald Reagan awarded him the Presidential
2 Medal of Freedom; and

3 WHEREAS, Beloved by the people of Corpus Christi, "Dr.
4 Hector" was accorded many well-deserved accolades, including
5 having a city park, a post office, and Memorial Medical Center's
6 indigent health clinic named for him; in addition, he received the
7 first honorary doctorate conferred by Texas A&M University--Corpus
8 Christi, which also erected a statue of him and dedicated a plaza on
9 campus in his honor; in 1990, he was further lauded for his
10 exceptional endeavors by Pope John Paul II; and

11 WHEREAS, A man of tremendous decency and compassion, Dr.
12 Garcia devoted his life to the service of others, and through his
13 unrelenting efforts the country he cherished achieved a fuller
14 realization of its highest ideals; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Hector P. Garcia
17 for his immeasurable contributions as a physician and as a leader in
18 the struggle to guarantee civil rights for all Americans.

Luna
Seaman
Capelo

Craddick	Giddings	Merritt
Allen	Goodman	Miller
Alonzo	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Bailey	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Baxter	Grusendorf	Morrison
Berman	Guillen	Mowery
Bohac	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Bonnen	Haggerty	Nixon
Branch	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Kaufman	Hamric	Oliveira
Brown of Brazos	Hardcastle	Olivo
Burnam	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Callegari	Hartnett	Pena
Campbell	Heflin	Phillips
Canales	Hegar	Pickett
Capelo	Hilderbran	Pitts
Casteel	Hill	Puente
Castro	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chavez	Hodge	Raymond
Chisum	Homer	Reyna
Christian	Hope	Riddle
Coleman	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Navarro	Howard	Rodriguez
Cook of Colorado	Hughes	Rose
Corte	Hunter	Seaman
Crabb	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Crownover	Isett	Smith of Harris
Davis of Harris	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Dawson	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Delisi	Keel	Stick
Denny	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
Deshotel	Keffer of Eastland	Talton
Driver	King	Taylor
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Telford
Dunnam	Krusee	Thompson
Dutton	Kuempel	Truitt
Edwards	Laney	Turner
Eiland	Laubenberg	Uresti
Eissler	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Elkins	Luna	Villarreal
Ellis	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
Farrar	Marchant	Wise
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wohlgemuth
Flynn	McCall	Wolens
Gallego	McClendon	Wong
Garza	McReynolds	Woolley
Gattis	Menendez	Zedler
Geren	Mercer	

H.R. No. 580

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 580 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 26, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House