

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The people of South Texas lost a revered physician
2 and civil rights advocate with the passing of Dr. Xicotencatl
3 "Xico" P. Garcia on April 28, 2003, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of a renowned Texas family, Dr. Garcia was
5 the brother of Dr. Hector Garcia, founder of the American G.I.
6 Forum, and Dr. Clotilde "Cleo" Garcia, a civil rights and education
7 activist; Dr. Xico Garcia helped to lead the forum after his
8 brother's death, and in 1996 he established a scholarship
9 foundation in his brother's memory; and

10 WHEREAS, This outstanding Texan earned his medical degree in
11 1969 from the National University of Mexico; he served as professor
12 and chairman of the science department at the University of the
13 Americas in Mexico City from 1968 to 1969 and as a member of the
14 Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers from 1977 to
15 1991; he also held the posts of attending physician at boxing
16 matches in Memorial Coliseum and medical director of the 1997
17 Nueces County Colonia Health Fest, a project that offered various
18 health tests and services to the residents of the county's 12
19 colonias; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Xico Garcia gave unstintingly of his time,
21 talents, and energy in providing health care for the most
22 vulnerable members of our society and in championing the struggle
23 for social justice, and his memory will be forever cherished by his
24 family, his friends, and the countless people whose lives he

1 touched; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Dr.
4 Xicotencatl "Xico" P. Garcia and extend sincere sympathy to the
5 members of his family: to his wife, Velia Yolanda Garcia; to his
6 children, Dr. Xico Roberto "Bobby" Garcia and Yolette Garcia; to
7 his sisters, Dr. Dalia P. Garcia and Emilia Garcia Garza; to his
8 brother, Dr. Cuitlahuac P. Garcia; and to the other relatives and
9 many friends of this beloved gentleman; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
12 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr.
13 Xicotencatl "Xico" P. Garcia.

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H.R. No. 1766

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1766 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 31, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House