

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1027

In Memory
of
Dr. Xicotencatl P. Garcia

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Xico Garcia gave unstintingly of his time, talents, and energy in providing health care for the most vulnerable members of our society and in championing the struggle

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for social justice, and his memory will be forever cherished by his family, his friends, and the countless people whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Xicotencatl "Xico" P. Garcia.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 30, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate