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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived tempers
2 the profound sadness felt by all who loved Roberto Rodriguez Garcia
3 of San Antonio, who passed away on April 4, 2005, at the age of 75;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Bob Garcia was born
6 in Orchard on August 15, 1929; at the age of 17, he enlisted in the
7 United States Army, beginning a distinguished career that would
8 span nearly four decades; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the course of his military service, he served
10 in Japan, Berlin, and Korea and trained soldiers in jungle
11 operations at the School of the Americas in Panama; he attended
12 Officer Candidate School in 1955, retiring in 1967 as a major; and

13 WHEREAS, Major Garcia devoted much of his time and talents to
14 improving the quality of life for Hispanics in the Alamo City; an
15 active member of LULAC Council 602, he served as a commissioner of
16 the Housing Authority of the City of San Antonio, where he played an
17 integral role in bringing affordable housing to the less fortunate;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to his notable community endeavors,
20 Major Garcia founded two organizations, the Alamo Silver Wings
21 Airborne Association, dedicated to promoting good citizenship and
22 honoring the memory of United States paratroopers, and the
23 all-volunteer Memorial Service Detachment (MSD) at Fort Sam Houston
24 National Cemetery, which ensures that veterans receive proper

1 military burial honors; and

2 WHEREAS, Major Garcia was a member of the Texas State Guard
3 and VFW Post 9186; respected and admired by his peers, he was
4 posthumously awarded the rank of lieutenant colonel and the MSD
5 quarters were dedicated in his honor; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout a life rich in accomplishments, Bob
7 Garcia exemplified the highest standards of public service and
8 civic engagement; although he will be missed, his spirit will
9 continue to shine on brightly in the hearts of all those fortunate
10 enough to have known him; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
12 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
13 Roberto "Bob" Rodriguez Garcia and extend deepest sympathy to all
14 those who mourn the loss of this beloved gentleman; and, be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Roberto
19 Rodriguez Garcia.