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H.R. No. 89

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Tony Garza of Falfurrias was inducted into the  
2 National Hispanic Sports Hall of Fame in San Antonio on June 2,  
3 2005, in recognition of his achievements as an athlete and coach;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Garza graduated from Cotulla High School in  
6 1956 and became a record-setting sprinter at Texas A&I University  
7 in Kingsville from 1958 to 1961; he won the Lone Star Conference  
8 (LSC) 100-yard dash in 1961 with a record time of 9.4 seconds, a  
9 mark that still stands as a conference best; Mr. Garza also held the  
10 LSC 220-yard dash and 100-meter dash records for a number of years,  
11 and he was a member of the 1960 Javelinas mile relay team, which won  
12 the LSC gold medal; and

13           WHEREAS, After graduating from Texas A&I University,  
14 Mr. Garza worked as a high school coach in San Diego, Premont,  
15 Mesquite, and Falfurrias; he earned a master's degree in education  
16 from East Texas State University in 1967 and returned to Texas A&I  
17 in 1971 to serve as an instructor and director of the Upward Bound  
18 program; and

19           WHEREAS, A 1976 inductee of the Texas A&I University Athletic  
20 Hall of Fame, he became assistant principal at Alice High School in  
21 1983; he later served as principal of Agua Dulce High School and  
22 then joined the faculty at Falfurrias High School, where he taught  
23 science until he retired; and

24           WHEREAS, This notable Texan has served on the Brooks County

1 ISD Board of Trustees and is chairman of the Boys and Girls Club of  
2 Falfurrias; and

3 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Garza has enjoyed the love  
4 and support of his wife, Dora, who coached tennis at Falfurrias; the  
5 couple have played tennis together competitively for the past 15  
6 years and recently qualified for the National Senior Games; and

7 WHEREAS, Through his myriad athletic and professional  
8 achievements, Mr. Garza has made significant contributions to the  
9 field of sports, and he is a source of tremendous pride to his  
10 family and the Falfurrias community; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Tony Garza on  
13 his induction into the National Hispanic Sports Hall of Fame and  
14 extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,  
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Mr. Garza as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives.