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H.R. No. 517

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Joe B. Garcia is retiring in December  
2 2006 from his position as constitutional court judge of Brooks  
3 County, bringing to a close an outstanding career in government  
4 service; and

5           WHEREAS, This esteemed public servant attended Texas A&I  
6 University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in education in  
7 1968 and a master's degree in school and business administration in  
8 1974; after teaching school for six years, he became a probation  
9 supervisor for the 79th Judicial District and has continued to  
10 build an impressive record of public service ever since; and

11           WHEREAS, Inspired by the example of his father, who was also  
12 an elected public servant, Judge Garcia has served multiple terms  
13 as constitutional court judge, including 1979 through 1990, 1995  
14 through 1999, and 2003 through 2006; in addition, he has held  
15 positions as municipal court judge, regional education director for  
16 the Texas Youth Commission, Brooks County auditor, and Brooks  
17 County ISD school trustee; and

18           WHEREAS, Judge Garcia has also shared his time and talents as  
19 a member of many organizations, including the Coastal Bend MHMR  
20 Board, Coastal Bend Workforce Development Board, Council of  
21 Government, Veterans' Land Board, Brooks County Appraisal Board,  
22 Brooks County Juvenile Board, and Brooks County High School Site  
23 Based Committee; moreover, he was a gubernatorial appointee to the  
24 Regional Review Committee and the Texas Intergovernmental

1 Committee; and

2 WHEREAS, During his exemplary tenure with the court, Judge  
3 Garcia has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Elma Garcia,  
4 with whom he has shared 39 years of marriage, and his children,  
5 Joseph Garcia and his wife, Lina Garcia, and Lucy and Ruby Garcia;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Through the years, Joe Garcia's tireless dedication  
8 and capable leadership have made a positive and lasting difference  
9 in Brooks County, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize him as he  
10 embarks on a new chapter in his life; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th  
12 Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Judge  
13 Joe B. Garcia on the occasion of his retirement as constitutional  
14 court judge of Brooks County and extend to him deep appreciation for  
15 his outstanding public service; and, be it further

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