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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A full and rewarding life came to a close with the  
2 passing of Ruben V. Garza, Sr., of Robstown on December 28, 2004, at  
3 the age of 73; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on June 27, 1931, Mr. Garza enlisted in the U.S.  
5 Army and served in the Korean War from 1951 to 1952; his meritorious  
6 tour of duty earned him a Purple Heart and the Korean service medal  
7 with three bronze service stars; and

8           WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Garza continued to give to his  
9 country as an employee of the Corpus Christi Army Depot, from which  
10 he eventually retired; he further demonstrated his patriotism and  
11 devotion to his fellow servicemen through his active participation  
12 in the Disabled American Veterans and the American GI Forum  
13 Veteran's Outreach program, which he served as a member of the state  
14 board of directors and as local, district, and regional chair;  
15 moreover, he founded the Robstown American GI Forum Housing Project  
16 in 1969 and served as chair of its board of trustees; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Garza gave generously of his time and talents to  
18 the city he loved to call home; a valued member of the Robstown City  
19 Council, he served as mayor pro tempore and maintained an active  
20 membership in the Kiwanis Club and Iglesia Cristiana Bet-El; and

21           WHEREAS, Preceded in death by his beloved brothers Noe Garza  
22 and Jose Garza, Mr. Garza will best be remembered for his kindness  
23 and compassion, his delightful sense of humor, and his love of  
24 family and friends; a true inspiration to all who were privileged to

1 know him, he will undoubtedly live on in the hearts of those whose  
2 lives he so richly blessed; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Ruben V.  
5 Garza, Sr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his  
6 family: to his children, Rosa Linda Silva, Sylvia Ann "BeBe"  
7 Bellfield, and Ruben V. Garza, Jr.; to his brothers, Rafael,  
8 Eleodoro, Ignacio, Mauro, Gilberto, and Homero Garza; to his  
9 grandchildren, Anissa and Shawn Zilka and Autumn Renee and Marcell  
10 "Trip" Bellfield; to his great-granddaughter, Nevaeh Zilka; and to  
11 his other family members and many friends; and, be it further

12         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruben V.  
15 Garza, Sr.