

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Dori Contreras Garza is being  
2 recognized as Mother of the Year 2005 by AVANCE-Rio Grande Valley at  
3 a special gala on May 7, 2005, in McAllen; and

4           WHEREAS, Working to prevent child abuse and neglect, AVANCE  
5 is a nonprofit organization that offers programs designed to  
6 enhance parenting skills, foster optimal development of children,  
7 and promote educational, personal, and economic success; and

8           WHEREAS, Judge Garza is most deserving of this notable  
9 organization's Mother of the Year accolade, for she has  
10 consistently demonstrated the finest qualities of motherhood,  
11 including compassion, dedication, and sacrifice; and

12           WHEREAS, A 1990 graduate of the University of Houston Law  
13 Center, where she was one of six students to earn the Distinguished  
14 Service Award, she won election to the Thirteenth Court of Appeals  
15 in 2002; she is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Mexican  
16 American Bar Association of Texas, the Cameron County Bar  
17 Association, the Nueces County Bar Association, and the National  
18 Association of Women Judges and a former president of the Hidalgo  
19 County Bar Association, board member of the Texas Trial Lawyers  
20 Association, and board member of the Association of Trial Lawyers  
21 of America; and

22           WHEREAS, Above all else, she is a devoted mother to her three  
23 children, Lisette, Vanessa, and Michael, whom she has nurtured and  
24 sustained with tenderness, insight, and wisdom; and

1           WHEREAS, Successfully balancing the demands of motherhood  
2 with those of a prestigious career is a difficult undertaking, and  
3 Judge Garza has earned the respect and admiration of all who are  
4 privileged to know her for her truly impressive achievements in  
5 this regard; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Dori Contreras Garza  
8 on being named Mother of the Year 2005 by AVANCE-Rio Grande Valley  
9 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and  
10 happiness; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Judge Garza as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1451

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1451 was adopted by the House on May 3, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House