

By: Gonzales

H.R. No. 1451

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.