

By: Pena

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A loving family and good friends are deeply saddened
2 by the death of Canuto Garcia, Jr., of Edinburg, who passed away on
3 May 6, 2005, at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Falfurrias, Mr. Garcia served with valor in
5 the United States Army Air Force during World War II; a bottom
6 turret gunner in a B-17 Flying Fortress of the 447th Bomber Group in
7 England, he was twice shot down over Germany; he was captured in
8 April 1945 by the Germans, declared missing in action, and was a
9 prisoner of war until he was liberated in May 1945; for his
10 distinguished service, he received the Purple Heart, Air Medal,
11 European Theatre of Operations Ribbon with two Battle Stars, and
12 the Good Conduct Medal; and

13 WHEREAS, After returning home, Mr. Garcia married his high
14 school sweetheart, Elida Benavidez, and worked as a private pilot
15 and attended Edinburg Junior College; he was a banker for 20 years
16 and became a partner with the Garcia Longoria Cattle Company and the
17 owner/operator of Pan American Transportation, a nationwide
18 transportation company; and

19 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman, who loved hunting and
20 ranching, was a devoted husband and family man and cherished friend
21 to many, and he will not soon be forgotten; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has honored the life of
23 Canuto Garcia, Jr., by passing this resolution in his memory during
24 the 79th Texas Legislative Session; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Canuto Garcia, Jr.,
3 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
4 two sons, Mayor Richard Garcia and his wife, Peggy, and Bob Garcia
5 and his wife, Cris; to his daughter, Dahlia Guerra and her husband,
6 Arnulfo; to his eight grandchildren and one great-grandson; to his
7 four sisters, Elodia Lopez, Raquel Balderas and her husband,
8 Alfredo, Elizabeth Ramos and her husband, Ismael, and Esther
9 Garcia; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further
10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Canuto
13 Garcia, Jr.