

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 992

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend to the Honorable Dori Garza congratulations on her selection as Mother of the Year 2005 by AVANCE-Rio Grande Valley and sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Judge Garza as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate