

By: Gonzales

H.R. No. 86

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Kika de la Garza and his wife, Lucille
2 de la Garza, have been selected to receive the Golden Eagle Award
3 from the McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in recognition of
4 their many significant contributions to the benefit of their fellow
5 citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, The first couple to jointly receive this award, the
7 de la Garzas are highly regarded for their efforts in support of
8 their community, most notably through Congressman de la Garza's
9 dedicated public service as a longtime member of the Texas and U.S.
10 House of Representatives and through Mrs. de la Garza's myriad
11 civic endeavors; and

12 WHEREAS, Congressman and Mrs. de la Garza both hail from the
13 Rio Grande Valley, he from Mercedes and she from Edinburg, and they
14 continue to make their home in the Valley today as residents of
15 McAllen; reminders of the respect and admiration felt for the de la
16 Garzas abound, including such namesakes as the Kika de la Garza
17 Border Crossing Station, Lucy's Garden at the Butterfly Gardens in
18 Mission, and the Kika de la Garza Federal Building in McAllen; and

19 WHEREAS, A 12-year member of the Texas House of
20 Representatives and a 32-year member of the United States Congress,
21 Congressman de la Garza cofounded the Congressional Hispanic Caucus
22 and was a driving force for positive change during his legislative
23 tenure, and he has rendered invaluable service to this state and
24 nation as an expert in national and international law as it relates

1 to agriculture and commerce; his extensive list of honors includes
2 distinguished service awards from Texas A&M University and the
3 American Farm Bureau Federation, the Lifetime Achievement Award
4 from Hispanic Farmers and Ranchers, and the Order of the Aztec
5 Eagle, Mexico's highest honor for foreigners; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. de la Garza has deep roots in the Valley,
7 descending from a long line of area Democrats and regional
8 pioneers; named Distinguished Democrat of the Year for 2002 by the
9 Hidalgo County Democratic Party, she currently serves on the
10 Advisory Board for the North American Butterfly Association and
11 Lucy's Garden; honored as the first Mother of the Year by AVANCE-Rio
12 Grande Valley, she joins former First Lady Barbara Bush as one of
13 only two people to have christened two U.S. Navy vessels; and

14 WHEREAS, Congressman and Mrs. de la Garza have earned the
15 esteem of countless people in Texas and beyond through their civic,
16 charitable, and political efforts, and their selection as
17 recipients of the McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Golden Eagle
18 Award is indeed well-deserved; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Kika de la Garza and
21 Lucille de la Garza on their receipt of the Golden Eagle Award from
22 the McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and commend the de la
23 Garzas for their extensive contributions to residents of the Rio
24 Grande Valley and the Lone Star State; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for the de la Garzas as an expression of high regard by the
27 Texas House of Representatives.