

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The residents of South Texas lost a respected leader
2 with the passing of Richard A. Garcia of San Antonio on June 6,
3 2006, at the age of 64; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on September 22, 1941, in Brownsville, Mr.
5 Garcia was an Eagle Scout and a Marine who served his country in the
6 4th Reconnaissance Battalion; he graduated from St. Mary's
7 University with a degree in microbiology and he also held three
8 master's degrees; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia led an accomplished professional life of
10 service to others; he worked at Southwest Research, the LSU Health
11 Sciences Center School of Public Health in Carville, Louisiana,
12 Bexar County Hospital District, and the San Antonio Children's
13 Center before beginning a 28-year tenure with The University of
14 Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA); and

15 WHEREAS, While employed with UTHSCSA, Mr. Garcia achieved the
16 rank of assistant vice president for the Center for South Texas
17 Programs and earned the respect of countless individuals with his
18 ability to unite his employees under the common goal of
19 strengthening the South Texas community; he was a tireless advocate
20 of professional health education, and excelled in acquiring
21 federal, state, and private grants for his important work,
22 including \$15 million in funding to help establish certificate and
23 degree programs in nursing, allied health sciences, and dental
24 hygiene in a generally underserved region of the state; he was also

1 instrumental in creating the medical programs of Internal Medicine
2 Residency, continuing medical education for practicing physicians,
3 and dental prosthodontics; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional work, Mr. Garcia
5 gave of his time and talents as a member of the Texas Medical
6 Rangers; he was also a private pilot and was privileged to fly the
7 B-25 Yellow Rose as a member of the Commemorative Air Force; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, this devoted husband, father,
9 grandfather, and friend set an example of leadership and service to
10 which all may aspire; his humor, warmth, integrity, and guidance
11 will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but he will always be
12 remembered with great admiration and affection; now, therefore, be
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard A. Garcia and
16 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of
17 42 years, Georgia Peckman Garcia; to his children, Audria Garcia
18 and Steven A. Garcia and his wife, Rosalinda; to his grandchildren,
19 Kaiyana J. Garcia and Nicodemius O. Garcia; and to his other
20 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard A.
24 Garcia.

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| Berman | Haggerty | Noriega |
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| Bolton | Hancock | Oliveira |
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| Branch | Harless | Orr |
| Brown of Kaufman | Harper-Brown | Ortiz, Jr. |
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| Burnam | Heflin | Parker |
| Callegari | Hernandez | Patrick |
| Castro | Herrero | Paxton |
| Chavez | Hilderbran | Pena |
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H.R. No. 499

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 499 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 8, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House