

By: Martinez

H.R. No. 938

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Ramon Garcia concluded his tenure as
2 the county judge of Hidalgo County in December 2006, bringing a
3 close to a distinguished term of service that greatly benefited the
4 residents of the Rio Grande Valley; and

5 WHEREAS, Elected county judge in 2002, Mr. Garcia helped
6 create a number of important new initiatives, including a public
7 defender program, a risk management department, and two additional
8 courts of law; in addition, Judge Garcia was instrumental in
9 Hidalgo County's successful efforts to obtain four homeland
10 security grants totaling more than \$800,000, and his work to
11 restructure the WorkFORCE Solutions Corporation aided area
12 jobseekers and local businesses; and

13 WHEREAS, In his leadership role on the commissioners court,
14 Judge Garcia also oversaw the successful bond election that
15 approved \$100 million in funds to provide Hidalgo County with
16 better protection from flooding; other financing measures carried
17 out during his term underwrote a variety of improvements to
18 facilities and infrastructure, including road projects, health
19 department equipment, and the creation of a sheriff's department
20 substation; moreover, the county moved toward completion of the new
21 Mario Ramirez Juvenile Detention Facility, which will greatly
22 increase its ability to house and rehabilitate young lawbreakers;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia's accomplishments as county judge stem

1 from his extensive legal and political experience; a graduate of
2 Pan American College and the University of Houston Bates College of
3 Law, he built a successful career as a trial lawyer and was the
4 chair of the Hidalgo County Democratic Party from 1994 to 2000; his
5 work as an attorney, public servant, and civic leader has garnered
6 numerous awards, including the Notable Valley Hispanic Award from
7 The University of Texas Pan-American Library, the Hispanic
8 Exemplary Award from *El Americano News*, and the Army National Guard
9 Minute Man Award for his efforts to aid the members of the guard;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, An elected official committed to the ideal of
12 effective government, Ramon Garcia may reflect with justifiable
13 pride on the outstanding record of achievement that he established
14 during his tenure in office; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor Ramon Garcia for his exemplary service to
17 Hidalgo County and extend to him best wishes for success in his
18 future endeavors; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Garcia as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.