

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Elva Jackson Garza has made a lasting impact on the
2 Edinburg community through her active civic engagement, and her
3 achievements are truly worthy of commendation; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Garza has served the local chamber of commerce
5 for nearly a quarter century; currently in her fifth term on the
6 executive board, she was chair in 1999-2000, and her efforts have
7 helped to shape a number of the organization's programs, including
8 the Edinburg Today Breakfast, membership campaigns, and Fiesta
9 Edinburg; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to her work with the chamber, Mrs. Garza
11 has served on the board of directors for the Edinburg Economic
12 Development Corporation and has been a valued member of the Valley
13 Chamber of Commerce Executives and Edinburg Industrial Foundation;
14 moreover, she has shared her time with such groups as the American
15 Heart Association, American Cancer Society, United Way, and
16 Edinburg Citizens Against Graffiti, which she served as chair; and

17 WHEREAS, This notable Texan is also a leader in the Kiwanis
18 Club, becoming the first female president of the Edinburg chapter;
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20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Garza has been vice president and marketing
21 manager of Edwards Abstract and Title Co. since 2002; a number of
22 professional organizations have benefited from her talents,
23 including the Greater McAllen Association of Realtors, Rio Grande
24 Valley Builders Association, Women's Council of Realtors, and the

1 Hidalgo County Bar Association; and

2 WHEREAS, Blessed with a loving family, Mrs. Garza credits
3 much of her success to the guidance provided by her parents, the
4 late Albert Jackson, Jr., and Maria Sidia Gracia Jackson, and to the
5 encouragement of her husband, Alfredo Ruben Garza; and

6 WHEREAS, The strength of our communities depends on the
7 commitment and dedication of civic leaders such as Elva Garza,
8 whose contributions to Edinburg have produced results of lasting
9 benefit to countless Texans; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commend Elva Garza for her work in behalf of the
12 citizens of Edinburg and extend to her sincere best wishes for the
13 future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mrs. Garza as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1801

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1801 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House