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H.R. No. 1801

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.