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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Edmundo B. Garcia, Jr., of San Diego
2 ended his distinguished tenure as county judge of Duval County on
3 December 31, 2006, and the conclusion of his service provides an
4 opportunity to pay tribute to his many contributions as an
5 outstanding public servant and South Texas leader; and

6 WHEREAS, After receiving his bachelor's degree from The
7 University of Texas at Austin in 1958, Edmundo Garcia joined the San
8 Diego Independent School District the following year; over the next
9 32 years, he devoted himself to educating the city's young people,
10 spending 17 years as a classroom teacher and 15 years in
11 administration before retiring as the district's assistant
12 superintendent in 1991; and

13 WHEREAS, While employed as an educator, Judge Garcia
14 continued to enhance his own knowledge, earning a master's degree
15 and a superintendent's certificate from Texas A&I University; he
16 also served his nation as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve between
17 1958 and 1964 and was called to active duty in 1958 and 1959; and

18 WHEREAS, Judge Garcia was elected to the office of county
19 judge in the 1994 election and began presiding over the Duval County
20 Commissioners Court on January 1, 1995; he helped guide the county
21 for the next 12 years, providing wise leadership and effective
22 administration to his constituents and offering valuable input to
23 organizations such as the South Texas County Judges and
24 Commissioners Association and the Coastal Bend Council of

1 Governments; among his many achievements, he was instrumental in
2 the construction of a long-term juvenile detention facility to
3 house and rehabilitate youthful lawbreakers; and

4 WHEREAS, Active in a wide range of community affairs, Judge
5 Garcia belongs to the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2791, the San
6 Diego Rotary Club, and Sociedad Catolica Mutualista, and he has
7 served as a lector and Eucharistic minister at St. Francis de Paula
8 Catholic Church; in addition, he has been a member of the board of
9 directors for many civic organizations, including the Duval County
10 Museum, the Rural Economic Assistance League, and the Community
11 Action Council of South Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Judge Garcia has enjoyed
13 the love and support of his wife of more than 40 years, the former
14 RosaMaria Martinez, as well as his three children and six
15 grandchildren; as a public servant, educator, and involved citizen,
16 Edmundo Garcia has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to making
17 Duval County an even better place to live and work, and he may
18 reflect with justifiable pride on the legacy of achievement he has
19 established; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor Judge Edmundo B. Garcia, Jr., for his
22 notable service as county judge of Duval County and commend him for
23 his long-standing commitment to the residents of South Texas; and,
24 be it further

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