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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Juan M. Garcia III, of Corpus Christi, 2 has rendered outstanding service to this country as an officer in 3 the United States Navy and as a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve; and WHEREAS, A second-generation naval aviator, Representative 4 5 Garcia joined the service in 1992 and received his "Wings of Gold" 6 at Naval Air Station (NAS) Corpus Christi; he flew 30 armed missions in the Persian Gulf in 1998 during Operation Desert Thunder, and the 7 following year, while serving on the aircraft carrier USS 8 Constellation, he flew missions to enforce the no-fly zone over 9 Iraq; and 10

11 WHEREAS, Representative Garcia also served as a top aide in 12 London to the deputy commander in chief of U.S. naval forces in 13 Europe, and he took part in Operation Allied Force in Kosovo in 14 1999; since leaving active duty in 2004, he continues to serve as an 15 instructor pilot in the Navy Reserve at NAS Corpus Christi; and

16 WHEREAS, Among the military awards conferred on Representative Garcia, who holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander, 17 are the Joint Services Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine 18 Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement 19 Medal; and 20

21 WHEREAS, Juan Garcia graduated with honors from UCLA in 1988, 22 and he received both a law degree and a master's degree in public 23 policy from Harvard University in 1992; in 1999 he was selected as 24 one of 16 White House Fellows, and through that leadership

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1 development program he served as a special assistant to the U.S.
2 secretary of education; and

3 WHEREAS, Presently a freshman member of the Texas 4 Legislature, this esteemed Texan represents the citizens of House 5 District 32; he serves on the Agriculture and Livestock and Defense 6 Affairs and State-Federal Relations Committees; and

7 WHEREAS, In private life, Representative Garcia is an 8 associate attorney with Hartline, Dacus, Barger, Dreyer & Kern in 9 Corpus Christi, practicing in the area of civil litigation; he and 10 his wife, Denise, are the parents of four children: twin 11 eight-year-old boys, Jack and Luke, six-year-old daughter Calista, 12 and three-year-old son Alex; and

WHEREAS, Juan Garcia discharged his military duties with unwavering courage and professionalism, and he has brought to his responsibilities as a legislator the same deep commitment to service that inspired his stellar tenure in the United States armed forces; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 19 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Juan M. Garcia III for his 20 exemplary contributions as a member of the United States Navy and 21 extend to him sincere appreciation for his continuing efforts in 22 this country's behalf; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 24 prepared for Representative Garcia as an expression of high regard 25 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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I certify that H.R. No. 2655 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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