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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the sorrow felt at the untimely
- 2 loss of Albert Garza, Jr., who passed away on March 16, 2009, at the
- 3 age of 52; and
- WHEREAS, Beto Garza was born on March 23, 1956, to Rita and
- 5 Alberto Garza in Brownsville; he lived for several years in McAllen
- 6 before moving to Edinburg and becoming the theater arts instructor
- 7 at Economedes High School, where he shared his love for the theater
- 8 with his students for nearly two decades; and
- 9 WHEREAS, An avid traveler, Mr. Garza visited such diverse
- 10 destinations as Spain and Japan but enjoyed Mexico most of all; when
- 11 staying closer to home, he loved to cook, bake, and barbecue for his
- 12 family and wide circle of friends; and
- WHEREAS, Although his time on earth was far too brief, Beto
- 14 Garza enriched the lives of others with his honesty and his sense of
- 15 humor; he was truly a beloved teacher, and he leaves behind a wealth
- 16 of fond memories to be forever cherished by all those fortunate
- 17 enough to share in his company; now, therefore, be it
- 18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Albert "Beto" Garza,
- 20 Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
- 21 his father, Alberto R. Garza; to his siblings, Diana Nelson, Ruth
- 22 Balderas and her husband, Manuel, Norma Parker, Lupita Nelson and
- 23 her husband, Arthur, and Severo Garza and his wife, Margie; to his
- 24 brother-in-law, Jay W. Harris; to his nieces and nephews, Jennifer

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- 1 and Jimmy Nelson, Jacob, Crystal, and Joseph Balderas, Richard and
- 2 Christopher Parker, Eric Nelson, Victoria and Micaela Garza, and
- 3 Amanda Harris; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
- 4 it further
- 5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Albert
- 8 Garza, Jr.