

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Carlos
2 Garcia, Sr., of Hondo, who died on March 21, 2009, at the age of 82;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia was born on October 9, 1926; he answered
5 his nation's call to arms as a young man and served a tour of duty in
6 World War II; and

7 WHEREAS, He married Magdalena Gonzales on December 4, 1943,
8 and together he and his wife raised eight sons, Carlos, Robert,
9 Arnulfo, Adolfo, Richard, Simon, Daniel, and the late Louis Roy
10 Garcia; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1953, Mr. Garcia led efforts in Hondo to
12 desegregate the public school system so that his sons would be
13 afforded the same opportunities that other students received; at
14 that time, students of Mexican American descent were enrolled at a
15 separate facility known as the West End School; and

16 WHEREAS, In order to end this form of discrimination, Mr.
17 Garcia helped to bring the American GI Forum to Hondo, and it was
18 through the GI Forum that he and four of his friends filed a lawsuit
19 against Hondo public schools for segregating its students; and

20 WHEREAS, In early 1953, Mr. Garcia and his colleagues
21 traveled to Austin to make their voices heard, and their efforts
22 were rewarded that fall, when Hondo schools were ordered to
23 integrate; and

24 WHEREAS, Because he fought for fairness, Mr. Garcia's

1 grandchildren have attended such notable schools as Sul Ross State
2 University, The University of Texas at San Antonio, Oral Roberts
3 University, Texas A&M University, Tarleton State University, Texas
4 Tech University, and The University of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Carlos Garcia was a loving father and husband who
6 stood up for equal rights for all; his efforts made a difference,
7 not only for his children, but also for all succeeding generations,
8 and his life was an inspiring example of the good that one person
9 can accomplish; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Carlos Garcia, Sr.,
12 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
13 wife, Magdalena; to his sons; and to his other relatives and
14 friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Carlos
18 Garcia, Sr.

King of Zavala

Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 1957

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1957 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 11, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House