

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Richard Garcia has been named the 2009 Man of the
2 Year by the Mercedes Area Chamber of Commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, A graduate of Mercedes High School, Mr. Garcia
4 attended Pan American University, and while pursuing his
5 undergraduate studies, he maintained his connection with his
6 community by serving as an intern with the City of Mercedes; and

7 WHEREAS, He earned his bachelor of arts degree in 1985 and
8 went on to work with Texas Rural Legal Aid; he later rejoined the
9 City of Mercedes, serving as planning director and assistant city
10 manager before becoming city manager in 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, Providing his fellow residents with effective and
12 productive leadership, he has been actively involved in the Hidalgo
13 County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Lower Rio Grande
14 Valley Development Council, and the Urban County Advisory Board; he
15 also shared his time with a number of professional associations,
16 serving on the advisory committee of the International City/County
17 Management Association, American Planning Association, and
18 National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to his invaluable civic service, this
20 notable Texan has been closely involved with the PTA on various
21 local campuses and supported the Mercedes Band Boosters; he is also
22 a member of the Mercedes Area Chamber of Commerce board of
23 directors; and

24 WHEREAS, His generous nature and sense of personal commitment

1 to the people of Mercedes have also been evident in the times he has
2 helped individuals in need, including by providing his own
3 financial resources, to ensure they have basic necessities; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia faithfully attends Sacred Heart Catholic
5 Church and is devoted to his family; he has been married to his
6 wife, Dahlia, for 21 years and has two children, Danielle Renee and
7 Ricardo Daniel; and

8 WHEREAS, The residents of Mercedes have benefited greatly
9 from Richard Garcia's exemplary achievements and contributions to
10 the community, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring him; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Richard Garcia on being named the
14 2009 Man of the Year by the Mercedes Area Chamber of Commerce and
15 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. Garcia as an expression of high regard by the Texas
18 House of Representatives.

Martinez

H.R. No. 1992

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1992 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House