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H.R. No. 2198

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Joseph Alexander Garcia has served the  
2 people of South Texas for more than four decades; and

3           WHEREAS, Born in Brownsville in 1936 to J. A. and Bertha  
4 Garcia, J. A. Garcia attended Moyer Military Academy before  
5 graduating in 1954 from Brownsville High School; he subsequently  
6 earned a bachelor's degree from Texas A&I University in Kingsville  
7 in 1960; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia first served his fellow citizens as a  
9 member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1968 to 1972; he  
10 was instrumental in expanding the Texas A&I University System to  
11 include a Corpus Christi campus, and following his departure from  
12 the legislature, he went on to help develop that institution as its  
13 chief fiscal officer for five years; and

14           WHEREAS, In the early 1980s, Mr. Garcia was elected as judge  
15 of Kenedy County, a position in which he has continued to  
16 distinguish himself for nearly three decades; among his numerous  
17 achievements in behalf of area residents are the creation of rabies  
18 clinics and food banks, the establishment of retirement and  
19 insurance plans for teachers, and the organization of ambulance  
20 services for rural communities; and

21           WHEREAS, Judge Garcia is supported in his endeavors by his  
22 wife of 48 years, the former Sue Ann Barr, and their family includes  
23 three children and six grandchildren; his life is further enriched  
24 by his involvement in the Garcia Ranch, which has been in his family

1 since it was acquired by his great-grandfather; and

2 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the region he calls home, Judge  
3 J. A. Garcia has spent his career working to enhance the quality of  
4 life for the people of Kenedy County and beyond, and his outstanding  
5 efforts have made a positive and lasting difference; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable J. A. Garcia for his many  
9 years of public service and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
10 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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