

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The accomplished life of Gloria Reyes Garcia of  
2 Raymondville has inspired all who are privileged to know her; and

3           WHEREAS, Born on August 14, 1952, to migrant workers Jose and  
4 Santos Sosa, Ms. Garcia attended Raymondville schools while working  
5 alongside her family in the fields; as a young adult, she took a job  
6 with a migrant worker outreach program called the Last Yellow Bus,  
7 in which she drove people to and from their medical appointments and  
8 delivered medications; and

9           WHEREAS, She was soon promoted to work in the referral  
10 department of Su Clinica Familiar, a new local clinic with a focus  
11 on migrant health care, and she went on to serve in several  
12 positions, including assistant social worker and migrant hospital  
13 coordinator, before being named the clinic manager in 1977; and

14           WHEREAS, After leaving the organization and pursuing a second  
15 career in real estate, Ms. Garcia entered public service as a member  
16 of the Raymondville Independent School District Board of Trustees;  
17 she worked hard to improve the educational experience of area  
18 children, successfully advocating for the passage of two school  
19 bonds and helping secure salary increases for both teachers and  
20 support staff; also during her tenure, she contributed important  
21 leadership as vice president and president of the board; and

22           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has further served her fellow  
23 citizens as vice president of the Su Clinica Familiar Board of  
24 Directors and as a member of the National Advisory Council on

1 Migrant Health; moreover, between 1999 and 2001, she co-published a  
2 weekly newspaper called the *Willacy Times*; in one of her well known  
3 but less formal roles, she has assisted numerous survivors of  
4 sexual violence, especially those who have nowhere else to turn;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Garcia's real estate business has flourished  
7 through the years, and she currently owns more than 100 acres of  
8 land; she is supported in her endeavors by her husband, Richard, as  
9 well as her five children, Sandra, Jennifer, Stacey, Erica, and  
10 Richard; and

11 WHEREAS, Gloria Reyes Garcia has set an outstanding example  
12 of hard work and generosity to which all may aspire, and it is  
13 indeed a pleasure to recognize this distinguished Texan; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
16 Legislature hereby honor Gloria Reyes Garcia for her myriad  
17 achievements and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
18 success and happiness; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Ms. Garcia as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
21 House of Representatives.

Rios Ybarra

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2234 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House