

By: Giddings

H.R. No. 2954

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Elba Garcia, Dallas City Council member and
2 mayor pro tem, has been named the 2009 Woman of the Year by the
3 Women's Council of Dallas County; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Mexico City, Dr. Garcia earned a
5 bachelor's degree in odontology from Universidad Autonoma
6 Metropolitana before immigrating to the United States and settling
7 in Dallas, where she went on to obtain a doctor of dental surgery
8 degree at the Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College of
9 Dentistry; she has since distinguished herself as a successful
10 dentist in private practice, as well as a visionary community
11 leader who was first elected to the Dallas City Council in 2001; and

12 WHEREAS, Representing District 1, Dr. Garcia has been
13 instrumental in the completion of several public projects,
14 including the Latino Cultural Center, for which she secured vital
15 funds; moreover, she has contributed to the crafting and
16 implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and to the development of
17 the city's current recycling program, and she worked with the
18 environmental committee to attain LEED certification for City of
19 Dallas buildings; she further serves her constituents as chair of
20 the public safety committee and the domestic violence task force,
21 as vice chair of the Trinity River committee, and as a member of the
22 housing committee and the finance, audit, and accounting committee;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Garcia's efforts in behalf of her fellow

1 residents extend to her involvement in such organizations as the
2 Children's Medical Center of Dallas, the Greater Hispanic Chamber
3 of Commerce, the Dallas Assembly, and the Lake Cliff Neighborhood
4 Association; her dedication and generosity have been recognized
5 with numerous honors, including the Best Oak Cliff Public Servant
6 Award from the local chamber of commerce, the OHTLI Award from the
7 Institute of Mexicans Abroad, the 2008 Women of Spirit Award from
8 the American Jewish Congress, and the American Association of
9 University Women 100 Women of Distinction Award, among others; and

10 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, Dr. Garcia enjoys the love
11 and support of her husband, Domingo Garcia, a former Dallas city
12 councilman and state representative, and their two sons; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Elba Garcia has set an outstanding example of
14 public service to which others may aspire, and she may indeed take
15 pride in all that she has achieved for the city of Dallas and its
16 citizens; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Elba Garcia on her selection as
19 the 2009 Woman of the Year by the Women's Council of Dallas County
20 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Dr. Garcia as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.