

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 495  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 16, 2009; February 17, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Administration;  
1-4 April 15, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 15, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to creating a recognition day in honor of Dr. Hector  
1-9 P. Garcia.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 662.055 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 662.055. DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA DAY. (a) The third  
1-14 Wednesday of September is Dr. Hector P. Garcia Day in memory of the  
1-15 significant contributions to the Mexican American civil rights  
1-16 movement of Dr. Hector P. Garcia, a distinguished physician and a  
1-17 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the founder of  
1-18 the American GI Forum, which promotes civil rights protection of  
1-19 Hispanic veterans and all Americans. Dr. Garcia, a World War II  
1-20 hero, was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with six battle stars in  
1-21 recognition of his meritorious service to the United States.

1-22 (b) Dr. Hector P. Garcia Day may be regularly observed by  
1-23 appropriate ceremonies and activities in the public schools and  
1-24 other places to properly commemorate the importance of the  
1-25 contributions made by Dr. Garcia.

1-26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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