

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In 2011, Cruz Garza, Jr., retired from Rio Grande
2 City High School, where he had been the auto body instructor for
3 more than four decades; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 2, 1939, in Los Villareales to Cruz
5 Garza and Guadalupe Rodriguez Garza, Cruz Garza, Jr., grew up in a
6 family of 14 children; he played baseball for Rio Grande City High
7 School and was part of the 1959 team that was the most successful in
8 the school's history; in 1961, two years after graduation, he
9 married his high school sweetheart, Diana Solis Garza, and together
10 they have shared a rewarding relationship and raised three
11 children, Clarissa, Diana Margot, and Luis Carlos; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Garza was hired as an auto body instructor by Rio
13 Grande City High School in 1970; over the next 41 years, he served
14 as a mentor to many students, and a number of those he taught won
15 first place in state competitions and went on to make their living
16 in the auto repair and maintenance fields; in recognition of his
17 outstanding work, he was named Teacher of the Year for the 1999-2000
18 school year; and

19 WHEREAS, A successful business owner in addition to being an
20 educator, Mr. Garza has run Garza's Paint and Body Shop since 1979,
21 and he plans to continue to oversee it in the years ahead; his other
22 plans include enjoying his newly remodeled house, tending his
23 goats, and spending time with his six grandchildren and six
24 great-grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, Cruz Garza, Jr., has made a positive difference in
2 the lives of many young Texans, and he may indeed reflect with pride
3 on a career well spent as he embarks on an exciting new chapter in
4 his life; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Cruz Garza,
7 Jr., on his retirement from Rio Grande City High School and extend
8 to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mr. Garza as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 82

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 82 was adopted by the House on June 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House