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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Eva Carrillo de Garcia was posthumously recognized
2 by the Austin History Center in conjunction with its exhibit
3 *Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County*;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Honoring the important contributions made by
6 Mexican Americans to Central Texas, the Austin History Center and
7 its association joined with the Austin Public Library to organize
8 the show, which ran from August 21, 2010, through January 16, 2011;
9 *Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County*
10 celebrated the pioneering achievements of 32 remarkable men and
11 women and provided the public with an opportunity to learn more
12 about their lives; and

13 WHEREAS, One such individual, Eva Carrillo de Garcia, was
14 honored for her achievements in media; a nurse, Mrs. Garcia studied
15 at Bethany Hospital and the Chicago Training School for City, Home
16 and Foreign Missions, and went on to work at the Battle Creek
17 Sanitarium in Michigan; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1915, Mrs. Garcia and her husband, Dr. Alberto
19 Garcia, moved to Austin, where they published the town's first
20 Spanish-language newspaper, *La Vanguardia*; she dedicated much of
21 her life to championing desegregation and better public education
22 for Mexican American students; a founding member of the Ladies
23 League of United Latin American Citizens and the Emmanuel United
24 Methodist Church, she also shared her time with health education

1 drives and the United Service Organization during World War II; and

2 WHEREAS, Through her outstanding accomplishments, Eva
3 Carrillo de Garcia made a positive difference in her community, and
4 her legacy is a source of pride and inspiration to many people; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Eva Carrillo de
8 Garcia, a Mexican American Trailblazer of Austin and Travis County.