

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Alberto Gonzalo Garcia was posthumously  
2 recognized by the Austin History Center in conjunction with its  
3 exhibit *Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis*  
4 *County*; 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, Dr. Alberto Gonzalo Garcia, was  
14 honored for his achievements in public health; a graduate of the  
15 American Medical Missionary College in Battle Creek, Michigan, he  
16 earned a second medical degree from Tulane University School of  
17 Medicine in New Orleans and went on to become the first Mexican  
18 American physician to establish a practice in Austin; and

19           WHEREAS, Dr. Garcia joined the staff of Brackenridge  
20 Hospital, and he worked to ensure that Mexican Americans received  
21 medical services; active in a number of community organizations, he  
22 helped to establish a workers' group, Obreros Mexicanos, and the  
23 local chapter of the Comision Honorifica Mexicana, which  
24 represented Mexican nationals in the United States; he encouraged

1 others to acquire citizenship and exercise the right to vote, and  
2 along with his wife, he published the town's first Spanish-language  
3 newspaper, *La Vanguardia*; and

4 WHEREAS, Before his passing in 1962, Dr. Garcia also  
5 benefited his fellow residents by supporting the Austin Public  
6 Library and advocating for better educational opportunities for  
7 Mexican Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, Through his outstanding accomplishments, Dr.  
9 Alberto Garcia made a positive difference in his community, and his  
10 legacy is a source of pride and inspiration to many people; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Alberto Gonzalo  
14 Garcia, a Mexican American Trailblazer of Austin and Travis County.

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H.R. No. 705

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 705 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House