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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gustavo L. Garcia was recognized by the Austin  
2 History Center in conjunction with its exhibit *Mexican American*  
3 *Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County*; and

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

12 WHEREAS, One such individual, Gus Garcia, was honored for his  
13 achievements in politics; a graduate of The University of Texas at  
14 Austin, Mr. Garcia was the first Mexican American elected to the  
15 board of the Austin Independent School District and served as its  
16 president during his second term in office, and he also served as a  
17 trustee of Austin Community College; in the 1990s, he served three  
18 terms on the Austin City Council and became the first incumbent in  
19 its history to run for reelection unopposed; he was the first  
20 Mexican American to be elected mayor of Austin in 2001; and

21 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to civic life, Mr. Garcia has  
22 worked diligently on behalf of his fellow citizens for more than  
23 three decades; he was a charter member of the Human Relations  
24 Commission during the Civil Rights era and served as president of

1 the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, among other  
2 leadership roles; his numerous accolades include the Humanitarian  
3 Award from the Martin Luther King Association and the LULAC Award  
4 for Political Involvement and Education; moreover, Gus Garcia  
5 Middle School and the Gus Garcia Recreation Center are both named in  
6 his honor; and

7 WHEREAS, Gus Garcia has made a positive difference in his  
8 community, and his outstanding accomplishments are a source of  
9 pride and inspiration to many people; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Gustavo L. "Gus" Garcia on his  
12 selection as a Mexican American Trailblazer of Austin and Travis  
13 County and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be  
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Mr. Garcia as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
17 House of Representatives.