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H.R. No. 826

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of the Chihuahua community in Del Rio lost
2 their honorary mayor and beloved neighbor with the passing of
3 Victor H. Garcia, Jr., on January 8, 2011, at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, Victor Garcia was born in Del Rio on September 7,
5 1934, to Victor and Antonia Garcia; he married the former Angelina
6 Ramirez, with whom he had seven children and shared 44 rewarding
7 years before her passing; and

8 WHEREAS, In his youth, Mr. Garcia was employed as a sheep
9 shearer, developing a work ethic that served him well as he strove
10 to meet his goal of owning a business; he eventually founded Garcia
11 and Sons Roofing, which he ran until his retirement in 1989; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia subsequently dedicated himself to
13 improving the Chihuahua neighborhood, where he lived for more than
14 half a century; he was in regular contact with both the city and the
15 county and was instrumental in getting roads paved and parks
16 beautified; West Martin Park was abandoned until Mr. Garcia's
17 persistent efforts led to the installation of playground equipment,
18 a basketball court, and a covered seating area, and the youth soccer
19 fields in the neighborhood were in disrepair before he began
20 tending to the grounds; and

21 WHEREAS, At each of the parks he cared for, Mr. Garcia worked
22 with elected officials to have flagpoles installed and American
23 flags raised, additions he felt encouraged respect of the space;
24 moreover, at the Canon Street park, known locally as Victor Garcia

1 Park, he advocated for the placement of a plaque in honor of
2 Chihuahua residents who had died in combat; his commitment to
3 making the neighborhood a better place to live, especially for
4 children, earned him the nickname "the mayor of Chihuahua"; and

5 WHEREAS, Although Victor Garcia will be deeply missed by all
6 who were privileged to know him, he leaves behind a record of
7 accomplishment that will continue to benefit others for many years
8 to come; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Victor H. Garcia, Jr.,
11 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
12 daughters, Gloria Torres and her husband, Roland, Olga Resendez,
13 Silvia Cardenas and her husband, Martin, Angelina Garcia and her
14 husband, Miguel, and Leticia Garcia; to his sons, Rodolfo Garcia
15 and his wife, Margarita, and Victor Roberto Garcia and his wife,
16 Aidee; to his 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; to his
17 sister, Eloisa Ramirez, and her husband, Domingo; to his brother,
18 David Maldonado, and his wife, Angelica; and to his other relatives
19 and friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Victor
23 Garcia.