

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Those Texans who give of their time and talents to  
2 benefit the larger community make the world a better place through  
3 their actions, and Aurora A. Garza of Kingsville, who passed away on  
4 March 13, 2011, at the age of 86, was indeed one such person; and

5           WHEREAS, A dedicated educator, administrator, and civic  
6 leader, Mrs. Garza was born in Kingsville on July 1, 1924, to  
7 Antonia Saenz Alvarez and Adan Alvarez, Sr.; she earned her  
8 bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M  
9 University--Kingsville and began her notable career in 1945,  
10 teaching first and third grades in Kingsville public schools; and

11           WHEREAS, In 1952, Mrs. Garza relocated to Corpus Christi,  
12 where she continued teaching elementary students for nearly two  
13 decades; admired for her leadership, she served as Title VII  
14 consultant for the district and as parent involvement coordinator  
15 at Lozano Elementary School; and

16           WHEREAS, Mrs. Garza left the classroom after nearly three  
17 decades to become principal of Kennedy Elementary School in the  
18 West Oso Independent School District in 1972; she went on to direct  
19 Harvey Elementary School in Kingsville ISD in the same capacity  
20 from 1979 until her retirement in 1986; and

21           WHEREAS, A leader in her profession, Mrs. Garza helped to  
22 develop curriculum for the West Oso district and served on textbook  
23 subcommittees for the state; she shared her time with the Texas  
24 Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, Texas

1 Association of School Administrators, National Education  
2 Association, Texas State Teachers Association, and Kingsville  
3 Tri-City Retired Teachers Association, which she served as  
4 president; and

5 WHEREAS, Equally impressive was her involvement in a number  
6 of worthwhile community organizations; she was active with the  
7 boards of the Kingsville Symphony Orchestra, Music Club of  
8 Kingsville, Lions Club, and Friends of the Conner Museum; in  
9 addition, she chaired the board of the FLAIR Department of the  
10 Woman's Club of Kingsville and worked with the City of Kingsville  
11 Historical Development Board; while in Corpus Christi, her efforts  
12 benefited the Symphony Guild and the Beautification Committee; and

13 WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of a  
14 person's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark on  
15 the world as they move through it, and Aurora Garza's contributions  
16 to her community will long resonate in the lives of all who knew  
17 her; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Aurora A. Garza and  
20 extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family: to her sister,  
21 America Alvarez Wilson, and her husband, James; to her  
22 sister-in-law, Blanca C. Alvarez; to her nieces and nephews,  
23 Thelma, Michelle, Marissa, Ana-Alicia, Elaine, Sandra, Carol,  
24 Karl, and James; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it  
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Aurora  
2 Garza.

Lozano

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1314 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 28, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House