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H.R. No. 2388

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost an admired jurist and
2 public servant with the passing of the Honorable Ricardo H. Garcia
3 of Duval County on September 23, 2010, at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 17, 1931, Ricardo Garcia graduated from
5 San Diego High School, where he was voted most likely to succeed; he
6 served his country in the Korean War and went on to earn his
7 bachelor's degree from Texas A&I University; after working for the
8 Corn Products Refining Company and teaching in the San Diego and
9 Edgewood Independent School Districts, he earned a law degree from
10 St. Mary's University School of Law and embarked on a distinguished
11 legal career; and

12 WHEREAS, Voters chose Mr. Garcia to serve as the Duval County
13 attorney in 1970, and he was elected as state district judge for the
14 229th Judicial District Court in 1976, remaining in that post for 22
15 years; following his retirement in 1999, he continued to share his
16 expertise with state courts as a senior visiting judge; in
17 recognition of his dedicated efforts and achievements, the Judge
18 Ricardo H. Garcia Juvenile Detention Facility was named in his
19 honor; and

20 WHEREAS, This notable Texan was an active member of the
21 Knights of Columbus, holding leadership positions on the local and
22 state councils and on the national board of directors; he also
23 became the first Hispanic supreme officer in the history of the
24 order and served as an assistant to the supreme knight for Latin

1 America; and

2 WHEREAS, Judge Ricardo Garcia led a life made rich through
3 meaningful service and notable accomplishments, and his
4 contributions to his community will be remembered and admired for
5 years to come; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable
8 Ricardo H. Garcia and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
9 family: to his wife of 57 years, G. O. Garcia; to his children,
10 Ricardo H. Garcia, Jr., and Gloria Stella Garcia; to his
11 granddaughters, Ashley H. Garcia and Stephanie H. Garcia; to his
12 sister, Judge Lilia G. Salinas; and to his other relatives and
13 friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ricardo
17 Garcia.