

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 70

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Houston and Texans across the state in celebrating July 27, 2013, as Gus Garcia Day; and

WHEREAS, Gus Garcia Day honors the late Gustavo C. "Gus" Garcia, an attorney whose work on an array of legal cases played a vital role in advancing Tejano civil rights; and

WHEREAS, A native of Laredo, Mr. Garcia was born on July 27, 1915; he earned his legal degree from The University of Texas School of Law and was a legal advisor to the League of United Latin American Citizens before serving in the military during World War II; and

WHEREAS, After the war, he turned his attention to a variety of cases involving public schools, notably *Delgado v. Bastrop ISD*, in which the court held that the segregation of Mexican American children in Texas public schools was illegal; he also served as an attorney in the Felix Longoria Affair and helped contract negotiations to secure the rights of workers in the United States-Mexico Bracero Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia is best known for his work on *Hernandez v. State of Texas*, in which he became the first Mexican American to win a case before the United States Supreme Court; this landmark case held that Mexican Americans and all other racial groups had equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Gus Garcia had a profound impact on civil rights in Texas, and it is truly fitting that a day be set aside to honor his memory and his many contributions to our state; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life and legacy of Gustavo C. Garcia and extend to all those associated with the First Annual Gus Garcia Day best wishes for a memorable event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

Garcia, Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 19, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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