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H.R. No. 627

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Edinburg lost an esteemed public
2 servant with the death of Mayor Pro Tempore Noe Garza, P.E., who
3 passed away on January 9, 2012, at the age of 72; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Garza was born in San Juan and graduated from
5 Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School as a member of the National Honor
6 Society; after earning a Civil and Structural Engineering degree
7 from The University of Texas at Austin in 1965, he began a career as
8 a bridge designer for the State of California and ultimately owned
9 and operated Noe Garza Engineers for 28 years; when he returned to
10 Texas he was hired as the city engineer and public works director
11 for the City of Edinburg in 1976, and he later became the assistant
12 city manager of operations; and

13 WHEREAS, This dedicated elected official was a member of the
14 Edinburg City Council from 2003 until his death and was appointed to
15 one-year terms as mayor pro tempore in 2005, 2009, and 2011; during
16 his tenure on the council, he played a pivotal role in the
17 development of major public infrastructure policies, and economic
18 growth strategies, while promoting the importance of a strong
19 municipal workforce; moreover, he earned the lasting respect of his
20 fellow council members for his insight, selflessness, and
21 commitment to his constituents, as well as for his enthusiasm and
22 lively sense of humor; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Garza further distinguished himself through his
24 service as a trustee of the Edinburg Consolidated Independent

1 School District from 1998 to 2001, during which time he held the
2 offices of secretary and vice president; in addition, he
3 represented the City of Edinburg on the Hidalgo County Metropolitan
4 Planning Organization, overseeing numerous local transportation
5 projects; his involvement in his community was also reflected in
6 his membership in such civic organizations as the Edinburg Chamber
7 of Commerce, Amigos del Valle, San Juan Youth Program, Pharr and San
8 Juan Boys Club, and the San Juan Lions Club; and

9 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Garza enjoyed the support
10 of his loving family, and he took great pride in his four children,
11 Lizza, Lori, John, and Michael, and his granddaughter, Ava; and

12 WHEREAS, Although Noe Garza will be deeply missed, his
13 generous spirit and his outstanding record of public and
14 professional service will forever inspire all those who were
15 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Noe
18 Garza and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
19 his children, Lizza Marie Harrison, Lori Ann Garza, John Robert
20 Garza, and Michael Noe Garza; to his granddaughter, Ava Renee
21 Garza; to his mother, Carolina Garza; to his siblings, Alicia
22 Garza, Lydia Garcia, Feliberto Garza, and Reynaldo Garza; and to
23 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Noe Garza,
27 P.E.