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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Two Corpus Christi-area chapters of the American GI
2 Forum hosted a scholarship reception on January 17, 2013, the
3 anniversary of the birth of the organization's founder, Dr. Hector
4 P. Garcia; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Garcia, a World War II veteran and civil rights
6 activist, established the American GI Forum in 1948 in Corpus
7 Christi to secure equal benefits for Mexican American veterans; the
8 organization has since broadened its mission to address other
9 veteran concerns and to promote greater educational opportunities;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, First held in 1996, the annual Corpus Christi
12 scholarship reception was initiated by Dr. Garcia's brother,
13 Dr. Xico P. Garcia, who was also remembered at this year's event;
14 the banquet was sponsored by two area chapters of the American GI
15 Forum, the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Founding Chapter and the Robstown
16 Beatrice T. Perez Women's Chapter; and

17 WHEREAS, Awarded \$1,000 scholarships were deserving veterans
18 Jose Ayala, Amando Vidal, Jr., and James Green; in addition, Martin
19 Middle School in Corpus Christi received a grant, and the sponsor of
20 the event, the H-E-B grocery chain, was also recognized; and

21 WHEREAS, For 65 years, members of the American GI Forum have
22 remained committed to championing education and equal rights, and
23 it is a pleasure to recognize all those who showed their support of
24 the organization's important work by attending the Corpus Christi

1 event; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2013 American GI Forum
4 scholarship reception in Corpus Christi and commend the members of
5 the Dr. Hector P. Garcia and Beatrice T. Perez Robstown Women's
6 Chapters as well as this year's honorees for their achievements.