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H.R. No. 2340

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The residents of South Texas lost an admired
2 attorney and civic leader with the passing of David Garcia on July
3 4, 2012, at the age of 54; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Mr. Garcia grew up in
5 Detroit; he learned the value of hard work at an early age, and he
6 continued to hold a job on the late shift at a steel foundry even
7 while attending the University of Michigan on a scholarship; after
8 completing his undergraduate studies in economics, he earned his
9 law degree at The University of Texas at Austin and later settled in
10 the Rio Grande Valley, home to many generations of his family; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia was deeply devoted to the cause of social
12 justice; he defended the rights of farmworkers in a case that
13 reached the United States Supreme Court when he was just 26 years
14 old, and he was instrumental in the passage of legislation
15 increasing the wages and benefits provided to agricultural
16 laborers; in addition, he represented the League of United Latin
17 American Citizens in an antidiscrimination lawsuit that led to
18 greater representation for minorities on the board of the Sharyland
19 Independent School District; in another important initiative, he
20 filed suit against insurance companies to help more than 1,000
21 families whose homes were contaminated by mold; and

22 WHEREAS, Renowned for his generosity, Mr. Garcia served
23 hundreds of clients on a pro bono basis, and he used the fruits of
24 his success to benefit others, investing in neighborhoods

1 throughout the Lower Rio Grande Valley and providing financial
2 support and encouragement to a number of aspiring attorneys; he
3 also traveled to many impoverished areas of Africa on mission trips
4 that offered financial, medical, and educational assistance to
5 those in need; in all of his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and
6 support of his wife, Irma, and his children, Bianca, Ricco, and
7 Samuel; and

8 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his family and his community, David
9 Garcia made a meaningful difference in the lives of his loved ones
10 and fellow citizens alike, and although he left this world far too
11 soon, his contributions will remain a source of inspiration for all
12 who had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of David Garcia and
15 extend sincere condolences to his loved ones: to his wife, Irma
16 Garcia; to his children, Bianca, Ricco, and Samuel Garcia; to his
17 parents, Juan Garcia and Lucinda Cantu; to his sisters, Clara
18 Garcia, Ester Pacheco, and Patricia Lopez; and to his other
19 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David
23 Garcia.