

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of Hidalgo County lost an esteemed  
2 community leader, legal advocate, and friend to many with the death  
3 of Elizabeth M. Garcia on May 5, 2013; and

4           WHEREAS, Born to Lorenzo and Ercilia Garcia, "Lisa" Garcia  
5 graduated in 1983 from Pharr--San Juan--Alamo High School, where  
6 she served as president of her senior class; she went on to attend  
7 The University of Texas at Austin, earning a bachelor's degree in  
8 finance and international business in 1987, and to obtain her juris  
9 doctorate from Texas Southern University in 1992; and

10          WHEREAS, Beginning her notable career as a briefing attorney  
11 with the Second Court of Appeals of Texas, Ms. Garcia continued her  
12 record of public service as an assistant attorney general for the  
13 State of Texas, as an attorney with the Office of the Texas  
14 Comptroller of Public Accounts, and as a prosecutor in the Hidalgo  
15 County District Attorney's Office; in 2004, she entered private  
16 practice as a civil and personal injury litigator with what would  
17 soon become Vidaurri, Lyde, Rodriguez & Haynes, LLP; and

18          WHEREAS, Ms. Garcia served as an outstanding example of her  
19 profession, and she was a mentor to many aspiring female attorneys;  
20 dedicated to ensuring access to justice, she was a member of the  
21 Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., Board of Directors, and she  
22 provided pro bono legal assistance to Volunteer Legal Services of  
23 Central Texas; she further contributed to her profession as a  
24 fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, which she served as chair of the

1 District 12 Nominating Committee, and as a member of the Hidalgo  
2 County Women's Bar Section; engaged in her community as well, she  
3 served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and  
4 participated in the Hidalgo County Democratic Women of Texas;  
5 moreover, she established an endowment to benefit bilingual UT law  
6 students from the Rio Grande Valley; along the way, she endeared  
7 herself to countless people with her warmth, her ready smile, and  
8 her generosity of spirit; and

9 WHEREAS, While the life of Lisa Garcia ended far too soon, she  
10 leaves behind a legacy that will forever be treasured by all those  
11 who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Elizabeth M. Garcia  
14 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family: to her  
15 mother, Ercilia Z. Garcia; to her brother, Javier Garcia, and his  
16 wife, Connie; to her companion, Gary C. Hughes; to her siblings,  
17 Anna M. Garcia and Gerardo R. Garcia; to her nephew, Eric; to her  
18 nieces, Jennifer, Lauren, and Sabrina; and to her other relatives  
19 and many friends; and, be it further

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

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Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
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Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
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H.R. No. 2532

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2532 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 22, 2013.

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Chief Clerk of the House