

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Ruben Laborde Garza Sr. of San Antonio, who passed away on May 8,
4 2015, at the age of 87; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio on April 12, 1928, to Alejandro
6 and Dolores Garza, Ruben Garza was raised in León, Guanajuato,
7 Mexico, by his aunt and uncle; he returned to the Alamo City in
8 1948, and two years later, he married the love of his life, the
9 former Mary Esther Delgado; over the course of six and a half
10 decades together, the couple nurtured a rewarding union that was
11 made even richer with the addition of six sons, Ruben, Alejandro,
12 David, Jaime, Francisco, and George, as well as 16 grandchildren
13 and 14 great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Garza built a successful career as the owner of
15 R. Garza & Sons Trucking; he maintained a fleet of vehicles but most
16 enjoyed driving his favorite truck, "Patsy," across South Texas
17 delivering sand, gravel, and dirt to customers; after retiring, he
18 transferred the business to his sons and continued to service the
19 trucks; and

20 WHEREAS, Devoted to his Christian faith, Mr. Garza was a
21 member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church for 60 years before
22 becoming a parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
23 and serving as an adorer at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church; and

24 WHEREAS, Ruben Garza lived a rich and purposeful life

1 centered around his faith, his family, and his community, and he
2 will long be remembered with admiration and affection by all who had
3 the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ruben Laborde Garza
6 Sr. and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to
7 his wife, Mary Garza; to his children, Ruben Garza Jr. and his wife,
8 Rose Marie, Alejandro Garza and his wife, Elma, David Garza and his
9 wife, Kathleen, Jaime Garza and his wife, Mary Esther, Francisco
10 Garza and his wife, Alma Lee, and George Garza and his wife, Lupe;
11 to his grandchildren, Jose Javier, Monica, Priscilla, Arthur Ray,
12 Cassandra, David, Christie, Antoinette, Frank, Elissa, Nicholas,
13 Eddie, Bennie, Genevieve, and Georgie; to his 14
14 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends;
15 and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ruben Garza
19 Sr.

Martinez Fischer

H.R. No. 3501

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3501 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 31, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House