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H.R. No. 3501

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.