

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Sharyland Independent School District  
2 celebrated the completion of the new Horacio "Lacho" Garza Jr.  
3 Agriculture Science Facility in May 2017, and this provides a  
4 welcome opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Garza for his long and  
5 accomplished career as an educator; and

6           WHEREAS, An alumnus of Texas A&M University--Kingsville,  
7 Mr. Garza graduated with a bachelor's degree in agriculture  
8 economics in 1982 and went on to earn teacher and horticultural  
9 certification from the university, as well as a master's degree in  
10 agriculture education; after beginning his career with the school  
11 district as a student teacher at Sharyland High School in 1983, he  
12 became an agriculture science teacher at the school later that  
13 year, and he earned promotion to head of the career and technology  
14 department in 1986; he served on a number of Sharyland committees as  
15 well, and his tenure with the district ultimately spanned 32 years  
16 before he retired in 2015; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Garza has also been extensively involved in  
18 agriculture education at the state and federal levels through his  
19 involvement with such groups as the National FFA Organization, the  
20 Texas FFA Association, the National Association of Agricultural  
21 Educators, and the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of  
22 Texas; moreover, he has held a variety of leadership roles with a  
23 host of local boards and committees; and

24           WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding work, Mr. Garza

1 was selected as the Agriculture Workers State Teacher of the Year  
2 for 2004 and the Sharyland ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year for  
3 2003-2004; moreover, he was presented with a Distinguished Service  
4 Award and an Honorary American Degree by the national FFA in 2003  
5 and an Honorary Lone Star Degree by the state FFA in 1987; and

6 WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Lacho Garza has devoted  
7 himself to helping students build a strong foundation for future  
8 success, and he may indeed reflect with pride on the positive  
9 difference he has made in the lives of numerous young Texans; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby commend Horacio "Lacho" Garza Jr. on his  
13 outstanding career with the Sharyland Independent School District  
14 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness and  
15 fulfillment; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Mr. Garza as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives.

Muñoz, Jr.

H.R. No. 1955

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1955 was adopted by the House on May 12, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House