

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Maria Luisa Garza retired as superintendent of  
2 Dr. M. L. Garza-Gonzalez Charter School in Corpus Christi on  
3 January 30, 2018, drawing to a close an exemplary career in  
4 education; and

5           WHEREAS, A longtime advocate for disadvantaged students,  
6 Dr. Garza initially launched the school in 1980 as the educational  
7 branch of the Gulf Coast Council of La Raza; the council, which she  
8 cofounded with her husband, Ricardo Gonzalez, provides critical  
9 services for at-risk youth and their families; under her  
10 outstanding leadership, the institution earned state accreditation  
11 in 1993 and was awarded charter school status in 1996; she also  
12 helped secure funding for the new 60,000-square-foot campus that  
13 opened in 2002; the school, which was originally called the Academy  
14 of Transitional Studies, was later renamed in Dr. Garza's honor; in  
15 2016, this first-generation charter school was recognized by the  
16 State Board of Education for 20 years of operation under the Texas  
17 Education Agency; and

18           WHEREAS, Dr. Garza completed a bachelor's degree and a  
19 doctorate in education from Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and  
20 she holds two master's degrees from Corpus Christi State  
21 University; the recipient of numerous accolades, she was honored in  
22 2013 with a Y Women in Careers Award by the YWCA of Corpus Christi;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, Through her dedicated efforts to foster a supportive

1 and challenging educational environment, Dr. Maria Garza has made a  
2 positive difference in the lives of many young Texans, and she may  
3 take well-deserved pride in her exceptional record of achievement;  
4 now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Maria Luisa Garza on her  
7 retirement as superintendent of Dr. M. L. Garza-Gonzalez Charter  
8 School and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be  
9 it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Dr. Garza as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
12 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 335

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 335 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House