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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Father David Garcia has distinguished himself in his
2 role as the archdiocesan director of the Old Spanish Missions in San
3 Antonio, and he is truly deserving of special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Established near the San Antonio River three
5 centuries ago, Missions Concepción, San José, San Juan, and Espada
6 now compose the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park;
7 under Father Garcia's stewardship, extensive restoration work has
8 been completed on these historic structures, helping to preserve
9 them for generations to come; the project has garnered many
10 accolades, including the Governor's Award for Historic
11 Preservation in 2015, and the park, along with the Alamo, was named
12 Texas' first UNESCO World Heritage Site that same year; and

13 WHEREAS, Father David, as he is known to countless people in
14 San Antonio, was ordained to the priesthood in 1975 and has served
15 with the Archdiocese of San Antonio for more than 40 years;
16 beginning his ministry at Immaculate Conception Church, he went on
17 to oversee a major restoration of the historic San Fernando
18 Cathedral during his tenure there as rector; in addition to his work
19 as the archdiocesan director of the historic missions, he is the
20 pastoral administrator at Mission Concepción; he has also served as
21 the senior advisor for clergy outreach for Catholic Relief Services
22 and has taken on numerous other responsibilities in his church and
23 in the local community; and

24 WHEREAS, Through his dedicated efforts, Father David Garcia

1 has contributed immeasurably to preserving San Antonio's four
2 historic missions, helping to ensure that these cultural landmarks
3 will continue to showcase the rich heritage of San Antonio and the
4 State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor Father David Garcia for his outstanding
7 achievements as the archdiocesan director of the Old Spanish
8 Missions in San Antonio and extend to him sincere best wishes for
9 continued success in his important work; and, be it further

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