

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Gustavo
2 Chavira Garza of Bayview on December 27, 2018, at the age of 65; and

3 WHEREAS, Gus Garza was born in Los Fresnos in 1953 to Carlos
4 and Graciela Garza, and he grew up with 10 siblings, Tony, David,
5 Gloria, Heriberto, Mary, Gracie, Luis, Javier, Lilia, and Jaime;
6 during his time at Los Fresnos High School, he became student
7 council president, and he went on to attend Pan American
8 University, graduating cum laude in 1974 with a degree in biology;
9 he taught high school biology for five years while continuing his
10 education, receiving a master's degree in bilingual education
11 administration from Texas A&I University in 1977; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1982, Mr. Garza earned a law degree from
13 Creighton University, and after passing the Texas State Bar exam,
14 he began his legal career as an assistant district attorney in
15 Cameron County; in 1993, he was elected district attorney of
16 Willacy County, and he held that office until 1996, when he returned
17 to private practice; he went on to serve as the justice of the peace
18 for Precinct 6 from 2007 to 2010 and as an assistant district
19 attorney for Cameron County from 2013 until his retirement in 2017;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Garza's commitment to public service was
22 further reflected in his membership on the board of trustees for the
23 Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District, and he was an
24 active member of the Kiwanis Club; in his leisure hours, he

1 delighted in traveling, working at his ranch, and fishing; and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Garza enjoyed the love and
3 support of his wife, Martha Galarza; he took great pride in his
4 daughters, Maritza, Karla, and Kayla, his stepchildren, Roldan,
5 Orlan, and Robert, and his grandchildren, Adrian, Felicity,
6 Annalee, Ava, and Isaiah; and

7 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a respected attorney and
8 public official, Gus Garza lived a life that was rich in personal
9 and professional achievements, and he will forever be a source of
10 inspiration to those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Gustavo Chavira
13 Garza and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his passing;
14 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1738

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1738 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 24, 2019.

Chief Clerk of the House