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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Honorable Richard Garcia is retiring as a Bexar County Children's Court judge on April 3, 2021, concluding an exemplary 16-year tenure in that office; and

WHEREAS, Judge Garcia earned his juris doctor degree from St. Mary's University in May 1979, and following graduation, he briefly worked for Dade Legal Aid in Miami, Florida; he subsequently moved to Texas and was employed with Bexar County Legal Aid in San Antonio from 1980 to 1984, when he entered private practice for several years; in 1988, he returned to public service as an assistant district attorney for Child Protective Services, handling cases involving child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, In February 1990, Judge Garcia was unanimously appointed by the Bexar County district judges as an associate judge for family law cases; then in 2005, he was assigned to serve in the Bexar County Children's Court, where he has found fulfillment in his work to bring justice to young victims of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Judge Richard Garcia has greatly benefited Bexar County through his deep commitment to the well-being of the area's youngest and most vulnerable residents, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Richard Garcia on his retirement from the Bexar County Children's Court and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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