

By: Canales

H.C.R. No. 68

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Ramon Garcia has contributed greatly
2 to his fellow citizens through his long and dedicated service as
3 Hidalgo County judge; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of McAllen, Mr. Garcia knew from an early
5 age that he wanted to pursue a career in law; after earning his
6 bachelor's degree from Pan American University in 1970, he
7 graduated with honors from the Bates College of Law at the
8 University of Houston in 1972, passing the State Bar exam that same
9 year; and

10 WHEREAS, Early in his 40-year career, Mr. Garcia earned a
11 reputation as one of the best criminal defense attorneys in South
12 Texas, and he went on to enjoy equal success as a personal injury
13 attorney; over the years, he has tried more than 200 cases before
14 juries and recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for plaintiffs
15 across Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2002, Mr. Garcia was elected as Hidalgo County
17 judge, and he donated his entire salary from his first term to
18 charity; he held the position for a total of three terms until his
19 retirement in December 2018, making him the longest-serving county
20 judge in the county's history; over the course of his tenure in
21 office, he worked to increase the county's reserve funds from
22 \$710,000 to \$38 million, and he also led the effort to build a new
23 Hidalgo County courthouse; and

24 WHEREAS, Judge Garcia is the recipient of numerous honors,

1 including the Valley Hispanic Award from The University of
2 Texas-Pan American Library, the Golden Eagle Award from the McAllen
3 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Exemplary Award from *El*
4 *Americano News*, the Governor's Humanitarian Achievement Award from
5 Rio Grande Valley Humanities, and the Pillars of Success Award from
6 The University of Texas-Pan American; in 2019, the law library of
7 the new Hidalgo County Courthouse was dedicated in his honor; and

8 WHEREAS, Through his vision, leadership, and expertise,
9 Ramon Garcia has contributed immeasurably to his community, and in
10 so doing, he has earned the lasting respect and appreciation of his
11 fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby commend Ramon Garcia for his service as Hidalgo County judge
14 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
15 further

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