

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

In Memory
of
Javier Garza

WHEREAS, The citizens of Laredo lost an admired community leader with the death of Javier Garza on August 27, 2023, at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, Javier Garza was born to Felix Garza and Francisca Salinas Garza on February 9, 1930; raised in Laredo, he grew up with the companionship of a brother, Luis; he graduated from St. Augustine High School with the Class of 1947 and later enrolled at the Southern Methodist University Southwestern Graduate School of Banking; and

WHEREAS, After high school, Mr. Garza joined Laredo National Bank as a messenger, and he was soon trained in departmental operations; he went on to rise through the ranks and eventually became executive vice president in charge of the international department, where he distinguished himself through his expertise on the banking system in Mexico; though he officially retired after 51 years of service, he continued to act as a trusted consultant to the bank; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Garza gave of his time and talents as president of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce and the Logistics and Manufacturing Association, and he served as chair of the board and interim executive director for the Laredo Development Foundation, which later became the Laredo Economic Development Corporation; moreover, he was appointed to the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office and the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; his accomplishments included helping establish the Maquiladora twin plant system in the Laredo area as well as the city's first cold storage facility, and he was instrumental in developing new shipping routes for Mexican coffee that funneled the commodity through Laredo; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his professional and civic endeavors, Mr. Garza maintained several ranches in South Texas, where he enjoyed hosting family and impressing guests with his skill in making guisado; he was also an avid and expert deer hunter; and

WHEREAS, Above all else, Mr. Garza was devoted to his wife of 73 years, Cristina, and their children, Lauro, Adrienne, David, and Roberto; with the passing years, he had the privilege of seeing his family grow to include his nine grandchildren, Evan, Cristina, Lauren, Morgan, Joseph, Laura, Mary, Christopher, and Nicholas, and five great-grandchildren, Kai, Sena, Nino, Roma, and Felix; and

WHEREAS, Javier Garza earned the admiration of all who knew him, not only for his success as a business and civic leader but also for his exceptional kindness and generosity, and he leaves behind a legacy that will resonate in the Laredo community for years to come; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Javier Garza and extend sincere condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Javier Garza.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on November 30, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate