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H.R. No. 138

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Arturo M. Garza of Rio Grande City on
3 June 16, 2025, at the age of 99; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Simon and Jesusa B. Garza, Arturo Garza
5 was born in Rio Grande City on December 10, 1925, and he grew up with
6 five brothers, Arnoldo, Armando, Alfredo, Adalberto, and Simon;
7 answering his nation's call to duty, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in
8 1944 at the age of 18 and served in the Southern Philippines
9 campaign as part of the Pacific Theater of World War II; his
10 commendations included the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one
11 bronze star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star,
12 the World War II Victory Medal, and two Overseas Service Bars, and
13 he was recognized as a Carbine Marksman; and

14 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Garza embarked on a career as a
15 welder; he founded General Welding Service in the 1950s, and he
16 distinguished himself through his contributions to major
17 infrastructure projects, including construction of the Falcon Dam;
18 in the mid-1960s, he joined Mo-Vac Service Company, where he was
19 employed for several decades and constructed tankers; he earned a
20 reputation for his dedication and craftsmanship, and after his
21 retirement from Mo-Vac in 1992, he began working locally; and

22 WHEREAS, Above all, Mr. Garza took great pride in his family;
23 he and his wife, Imelda "Jimmie" Garza, shared many happy years
24 together before her death, and they raised three children, Arturo,

1 Melba, and Melissa; Mr. Garza also cherished his nine grandchildren
2 and three great-grandchildren, and he instilled in them and his
3 children the values of hard work, humility, service, and
4 perseverance; and

5 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his loved ones, his faith, and
6 his country, Arturo Garza earned the lasting respect and admiration
7 of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
9 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
10 of Arturo M. Garza and extend deepest condolences to the members of
11 his family: to his children, Arturo Javier Garza, Melba Ileana
12 Garza, and Melissa Garza Reyna; to his grandchildren, Omar, Teresa,
13 and Claudia Alaniz, Laura Sierra, Ariana Acosta, Victoria Varville,
14 Gabriella Reyna, and Samuel and Eliana Garza; to his
15 great-grandchildren, Ava and Oliver Alaniz and Ruby Acosta; to his
16 brother, Simon Garza Jr.; and to his other relatives and friends;
17 and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Arturo
21 Garza.