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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Professional golfer and Austin resident Sergio
2 García has compiled an impressive list of accomplishments during
3 his illustrious career; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Castellon, Spain, Mr. García took up golf at
5 the age of three; he produced one of the most accomplished amateur
6 careers in the history of the sport, claiming a total of 21
7 tournament titles, including the Topolino World Junior
8 Championship, the European Amateur Championship, and the
9 Catalonian Open Championship, a professional event; in 1996, at age
10 16, he ranked third in scoring on the PGA Tour as an amateur, and two
11 years later, he won the British Amateur Championship; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. García turned pro in 1999; nicknamed "El Niño"
13 for taking the golf world by storm, he collected his first
14 professional win at the Murphy's Irish Open and went on to earn five
15 more tournament titles and a top-20 ranking by the end of his rookie
16 year; he also made his first of 10 Ryder Cup appearances and gained
17 acclaim for his performance at the PGA Championship, where, as the
18 youngest participant in the tournament since 1921, he came within
19 one stroke of upsetting winner Tiger Woods; and

20 WHEREAS, Renowned for his fearless approach on the course,
21 Mr. García has taken home 11 PGA Tour titles and 16 on the European
22 Tour in his career; in 2002, he achieved the rare feat of finishing
23 in the top 10 at all four PGA major tournaments, and he received
24 both the Vardon Trophy and the Byron Nelson Award in 2008; he

1 enjoyed a banner season in 2017, when he was the European Tour
2 Golfer of the Year and donned the green jacket at the Masters
3 Tournament after triumphing in a playoff at the major; his 25 match
4 victories rank as the highest ever in the Ryder Cup, and in 2024, he
5 recorded his inaugural tour victory in the LIV Golf league; and

6 WHEREAS, Off the course, Mr. García has distinguished himself
7 through his philanthropic work; he and his wife established the
8 Sergio & Angela Garcia Foundation and FORE Kids ATX, which has
9 raised nearly \$5 million for entities that provide health care and
10 support services to children and families in Central Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, With his charismatic playing style and dedication to
12 excellence, Sergio García has inspired golf fans across the globe,
13 and it is a privilege to join in recognizing this exceptional
14 athlete; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor professional golfer Sergio García for his
17 myriad achievements and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
18 future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. García as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.