

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Elsa lost an admired neighbor and a
2 respected member of the community with the passing of Leonel Garza,
3 Sr., on April 4, 2009, at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Garza was born on December 4, 1923, to Castulo
5 and Juanita Garcia Garza in Ciudad Mier, Tamaulipas, Mexico; he
6 married the former Irene Canales and they moved to Elsa in 1941,
7 where Mr. Garza initially worked in various agriculture-related
8 jobs; and

9 WHEREAS, The couple enjoyed a rewarding marriage and raised
10 five children, Palmira, Elmira, Luis, Leonel, and Ancira; with the
11 passing years, the family grew to include 11 grandchildren and 4
12 great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Garza founded Garza's Flower Shop in
14 Elsa in 1969; the business was a success, and the couple were able
15 to acquire property and help their children and grandchildren to
16 establish productive lives of their own; though his Mexican
17 heritage was always dear to his heart, Mr. Garza was proud of his
18 adopted country and welcomed the opportunity to share in the
19 responsibilities of being a U.S. citizen; and

20 WHEREAS, A caring husband and father with a wonderful sense
21 of humor, Mr. Garza entertained his loved ones with his jokes and
22 comical antics, and he took great enjoyment in music, dancing,
23 traveling, and playing dominos; his life was an inspiring example
24 of the positive things that can be achieved through hard work and an

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1 abiding concern for others, and he will be fondly remembered and
2 greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Leonel Garza, Sr., and
6 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
7 Irene Canales Garza; to his children, Palmira Lozano and her
8 husband, Leonel, Elmira Garza, Luis Garza and his wife, Rosario,
9 Leonel Garza, Jr., and his wife, Terry, and Ancira Cuartas and her
10 husband, Dario; to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; to
11 his sister, Lionila Gonzalez; to his cousin, Dominga Zamora; and to
12 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leonel
16 Garza.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2041 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 19, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House