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SUBJECT: Resolution

DATE: July 16, 2004

Please join me in this resolution of support for Dr. Hector P. Garcia as a candidate for commemoration on a U.S. Postal Stamp.

Dr. Garcia was a decorated veteran of WWII, receiving the Bronze Star with six Battle stars, serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He also founded the American G.I. Forum in 1948, the foundation upon which many subsequent Hispanic civil rights organizations were built, and of which there are now 750 chapters across the United States. Dr. Garcia, in addition to his dedication to the rights of the underprivileged and minorities, held positions in many distinguished national and international bodies. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1984.


Patti Radle, Councilwoman District 5

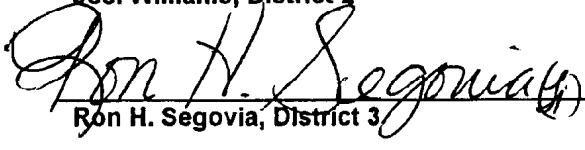

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A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the technical administrative requirements for the submission of Dr. Hector P. Garcia as a candidate for commemoration on a U.S. Postal Stamp, as provided by the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service, have been met, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. H. P. Garcia was a decorated veteran of World War II, receiving the Bronze Star with six Battle Stars, serving in the United States Army Medical Corps, and;

WHEREAS, he served the medical needs of underprivileged persons in the Corpus Christi area from 1946 and throughout his career, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. Garcia founded the American G.I. Forum in 1948, one of the most prominent Hispanic organizations in the United States, and the foundation upon which many subsequent Hispanic civil rights organizations were built, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. H. P. Garcia had/has a national prominence and there are approximately 750 American G.I. Forum Chapters located throughout the United States, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. H. P. Garcia became synonymous with the search for justice and human dignity, with a special commitment to education and the elimination of prejudice in society, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. Garcia held official positions, including a seat on the National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity, the United States delegation to the United Nations, the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and other distinguished bodies, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. H. P. Garcia was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1984 by President Ronald Reagan, the highest honor given to a civilian by the President of the United States, and;

WHEREAS, generations of Americans, past, present, and future, benefit daily in terms of the civil rights which we enjoy; and that many of these rights are due to hard-fought battles which the Doctor identified and confronted with commitment, energy, and selfless passion for the common person, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. H. P. Garcia's dedication to the rights of minorities, has had a significant and enduring positive effect upon the economic, political, educational, and social conditions of underprivileged Americans, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED ON THIS 22ND DAY OF 2004, that the San Antonio City Council supports the American G.I. Forum efforts to have the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service recognize Dr. Hector P. Garcia for his lifelong work benefiting Veterans, Hispanics, and underprivileged American citizens of all ethnic origins by honoring his memory and his efforts with a Commemorative Postal Stamp.