

A RESOLUTION

2004-25-21

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA
AS A CANDIDATE FOR COMMEMORATION ON A U.S.
POSTAL STAMP; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILWOMAN
PATTI RADLE, DISTRICT 5**

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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 person 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 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 civil rights which we enjoy, and 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; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

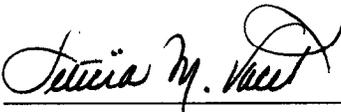
BE IT RESOLVED ON THIS 22ND DAY OF 2004:

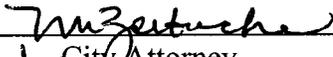
That the San Antonio City Council supports the efforts of the American G.I. Forum to have the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service recognize Dr. Hector P. Garcia for his lifelong work benefiting Veterans, Hispanics, and underprivileged American citizens of all ethnic origins by honoring his memory and his efforts with a Commemorative Postal Stamp.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of July, 2004.



M A Y O R
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
for City Attorney