

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Juan M. Garcia III is stepping down
2 from his post as U.S. assistant secretary of the navy in May 2015,
3 and this is a fitting opportunity to commend him for his long and
4 honorable record of service to his nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Since his confirmation by the U.S. Senate in
6 September 2009, Mr. Garcia has overseen the office responsible for
7 the recruitment, development, and retention of navy and Marine
8 Corps personnel; he has also devised human resources policies and
9 programs, advised senior navy leaders on the implications of policy
10 decisions affecting personnel, and evaluated and analyzed the
11 impact of policy and the delivery of programs; and

12 WHEREAS, After graduating with honors from the University of
13 California in Los Angeles in 1988, Juan Garcia went on to earn a law
14 degree and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard
15 University; he subsequently joined the U.S. Navy and received his
16 "Wings of Gold" at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi; while on active
17 duty, he participated in Operation Desert Thunder in the Persian
18 Gulf and Operation Allied Force in Kosovo and served as a top aide
19 in London to the deputy commander in chief of U.S. naval forces in
20 Europe; he later served as an instructor pilot in the Navy Reserve
21 at NAS Corpus Christi, and he continues to serve as a reservist; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia's numerous military awards include the
23 Joint Services Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps
24 Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement

1 Medal; and

2 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman previously gained
3 experience at the federal level when he was appointed as a 1999
4 White House Fellow and assigned to serve as a special assistant to
5 the U.S. secretary of education; from 2007 to 2009, he held public
6 office at the state level as a member of the Texas House of
7 Representatives; he has also practiced law with the firm of
8 Hartline, Dacus, Barger, Dreyer & Kern, and he is a member of the
9 Council on Foreign Relations; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia is married to the former Denise Giraldez,
11 and the couple are the parents of four children, Jack, Luke,
12 Calista, and Alex; and

13 WHEREAS, Juan Garcia's able leadership and deep commitment to
14 advancing the mission of the U.S. Navy have greatly benefited his
15 fellow Americans, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his
16 outstanding record of service to this country; now, therefore, be
17 it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
19 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Juan M. Garcia III for his
20 service as U.S. assistant secretary of the navy and extend to him
21 sincere best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors;
22 and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. Garcia as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2725

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2725 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House