AN ACT

relating to creating a recognition day in honor of Dr. Hector
P. Garcia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 662.055 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.055. DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA DAY. (a) The third
Wednesday of September is Dr. Hector P. Garcia Day in memory of the
significant contributions to the Mexican American civil rights
movement of Dr. Hector P. Garcia, a distinguished physician and a
recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the founder of
the American GI Forum, which promotes civil rights protection of
Hispanic veterans and all Americans. Dr. Garcia, a World War II
hero, was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with six battle stars in
recognition of his meritorious service to the United States.

(b) Dr. Hector P. Garcia Day may be regularly observed by
appropriate ceremonies and activities in the public schools and
other places to properly commemorate the importance of the
contributions made by Dr. Garcia.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.
S.B. No. 495

NAND NAWHURST
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 495 passed the Senate on April 23, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

JOHN F. STARNES
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 495 passed the House on May 18, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 0, one present not voting.

JERRY F. SMOAK
Secretary of the Senate

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

30 May '09
Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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Secretary of State