

League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A LULAC SOLIDARITY COMMISSION TO FACILITATE THE RETURN OF DEPORTED FAMILY MEMBERS FROM MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA

WHEREAS, thousands of men and women have been deported to Mexico and Central America who have U.S. citizen family members still living in the United States, and

WHEREAS, LULAC councils 7, 12, 14, 4967, & 4626 from Texas under the leadership of Isidro Garza came to the aid of 3 Chicago families that had been separated by the broken immigration system for years, and

WHEREAS, in all 3 cases a parent and U.S. citizen children were threatened with kidnapping and extortion and in immediate danger, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garza was instrumental aspect of several emergency border crossings that our LULAC councils of Chicago have personally been a part of, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garza supported our work and the families not only financially but spiritually as well and had immense faith in these demonstrations and has never strayed from our message and objectives, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garza is a steadfast soldier of LULAC in the battle to reunite families separated by deportation, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garza demonstrated his integrity and his ability to move and influence so many to assist in reuniting our families from Chicago, Illinois, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garza organized 3 different press conferences and mobilized the Mayor, councilman, LULAC councils, Religious and community leaders, and supporters to support the crossing and reuniting of 3 families from Illinois, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garza worked with leaders from Mexico and also the Border Patrol and Immigration Custom Enforcement and closely with the office of Congressman Gutierrez 4th Congressional District in Illinois and others to insure that the families were protected, and

WHEREAS, this is what LULAC's everywhere should use as an example, because regardless of our affiliations, parties, or differences, when it comes to saving the Latino family we can and will come together and we can and we will win, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen and extend these relationships to continue the work of reuniting families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that LULAC establish a solidarity commission with representation from the United States, Mexico and Central America to assist and facilitate the reunification of families separated by deportations.

Approved this 11th day of July 2015

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