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## Dr. Garcia

Dr. Hector Garcia, founder of the American GI Forum and winner of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, is scheduled to be honored today by the Texas Medical Association.

The TMA, holding an annual convention in Fort Worth, is expected to adopt a resolution of commendation this morning recognizing the Corpus Christi doctor's achievements.

Dr. Denton A. Cooley of Houston is also scheduled to be honored with a similar resolution. Cooley is also a recipient this year of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Cooley, a pioneer heart surgeon, was awarded the medal in March along with Garcia in ceremonies in Washington.

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Dr. Hector P. Garcia. M.D. PA 1315 Bright Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Please accept my warmest congratulations on the honor bestowed on you by the Texas Medical Association by the adoption of a resolution recognizing your many contributions and humanitarian achievements.

This prestigious award not only speaks very highly of your unselfishness in your efforts to help your fellowmen, but it also enhances the community in which we live -- the cradle of your historical movement.

The TAM award is both fitting and proper, and I join TAM in their resolution. I am sure you are worthy of many more honors in the coming years. Our community glowz with pride every time you are recognized for your involvement in the field of social progress.

Best wishes for your personal well-being and may you always remain in our midst.

Sincerely,

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