



DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA

**Mayor Luther Jones,
the Corpus Christi City Council
and Friends of Dr. Hector P. Garcia
cordially invite you to attend
a reception and park dedication honoring
Dr. Hector P. Garcia.**

**Reception: Saturday, November 9, 1985,
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

Bayfront Plaza Convention Center, Room 222.

**Park Dedication: Sunday, November 10, 1985,
1:30 p.m.**

**Greenwood Road between Horne and Gollihar,
Corpus Christi, Texas.**

member of U.S. delegation to Mexico City to sign Treaty of Tlateloco (1968); appointed to U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (1968; re-appointed 1980); appointed to Texas Advisory Committee to U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (1972); appointed to Advisory Committee of Veterans' Administration (1974); appointed by Pres. Jimmy Carter to U.S. Circuit Judge Nominating Commission (1977); appointed to U.S. Attorney General's Hispanic Advisory Committee on Civil Rights (1979).

AWARDS

& HONORS Outstanding Latin American Citizen, Alba Club of the University of Texas (1949); "Medalla al Merito" (1952); "Democracy Forward", Texas Council Negro Organization (1955); bronze plaque, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8931 (1964); "Condecoracion, Orden Vasco Nunez de Balboa", Republic of Panama (1965); Marine Plaque, 8th Marine Corps District (1967); Cancer Society Award (1967); Humanitarian Award, Corpus Christi Chapter, NAACP (1969); Appreciation Award, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce (1977); Achievement Award in Medicine, National Benito Juarez-Lincoln Annual Convention (1977); Leadership plaque, Corpus Christi U.S.O. (1978); Liberty Bell Award, Nueces County Young Lawyers' Association (1978); Distinguished Service Award, National Office of Civil rights (1980); "Senor Internacional", LULAC Council 12 (1980); Brotherhood Award, Corpus Christi Chapter of National Conference of Christians & Jews (1981); Sembrador Award, Club Sembradores de Amistad (1983); Presidential Medal of Freedom, Pres. Ronald Reagan (1984); "Medalla de Honor", National Hispanic University (1984); Hector P. Garcia Endowed Chair, Yale University Chicano Research Center (1985).

For these achievements, and many more, his city, state and nation salute Dr. Hector.



On the occasion of the naming of
Dr. Hector P. Garcia Park
November 10, 1985

"Service is perfect freedom." — Book of Common Prayer

Program

Parade the Colors.....	American GI Forum
Pledge of Allegiance.....	Rear Admiral John S. Disher, USN
National Anthem.....	Moody High School Band Director: David Silva
Invocation.....	Fr. Simon Brzozowski
Recognition of Guests.....	Mayor Luther Jones
Presentations to Dr. Garcia.....	Mayor Luther Jones
Address.....	Governor Mark White
Unveiling of Plaque.....	Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Family and Friends
Benediction.....	Rabbi Warren Stone
Retire the Colors.....	American GI Forum

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

**DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA:
HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS LIFE**

To list every award, accomplishment, recognition and honor attained by "Dr. Hector" requires many pages. In his 71 years, Dr. Garcia has done more than five people in three lifetimes. In action, he seems to embody the belief expressed by Albert Schweitzer: "There is no higher religion than human service. To work for the common good is the highest creed."

PERSONAL

PROGRESS Born in Mexico on January 17, 1914, to Jose and Faustina Perez Garcia. One of seven children: Jose Antonio, Hector, Emilia, Clotilde, Cuitlahuac, Xico and Dalia. Received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas in 1936; graduated from the University of Texas Medical School in 1940. From 1940 to 1942, did general and surgical internship at St. Joseph's Hospital of Creighton University in Nebraska. During World War II, attained the rank of Major in the Medical Corps (European Theater) and was awarded the Bronze Star and six Battle Stars. Married Wanda Fusillo on June 23, 1945; they have three children, Daisy Wanda, Adriana Cecelia and Susan Patricia. In 1948, founded the American G I Forum in Corpus Christi, Texas.

MEMBERSHIPS

American and Texas Medical Associations; Nueces County Medical Society; League of United Latin American Citizens; Knights of Columbus, St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

**ELECTED OFFICES
& APPOINTMENTS**

First national president of American GI Forum; Democratic National Committee (1954); national coordinator of "Viva Kennedy" clubs (1960-64); national president, Political Association of Spanish-Speaking Organizations (1960-64); representative of Pres. John Kennedy for signing defense treaty (1961); representative of Pres. Lyndon Johnson at inauguration of president of Venezuela (1964); appointed to National Advisory Committee on Economic Opportunity (1967); delegate to the United Nations (1967);