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H.R. No. 322

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life devoted to education drew  
2 to a close with the death of Elizabeth Pompa Garza on June 17, 2020;  
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4 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Pompa Garza earned her bachelor's degree  
5 from Our Lady of the Lake University and her master's degree and her  
6 Ph.D. in educational administration from The University of Texas at  
7 Austin; she began her nearly half-century career in education as a  
8 kindergarten teacher, and she went on to hold leadership positions  
9 with the Edgewood Independent School District, including  
10 superintendent and chief officer; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Pompa Garza also worked with the AVANCE program  
12 for underresourced families, Laredo Community College, the  
13 Intercultural Development Research Association, the Texas  
14 Education Agency, and UT Austin; she retired in 2018 as director of  
15 the Center for Student Information of the Alamo Colleges District;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, An engaged member of her community, Dr. Pompa Garza  
18 volunteered with the San Antonio Area Foundation, the GED Holiday  
19 Brunch Committee, and the Mexican American Unity Council  
20 Scholarship Luncheon Committee; she was recognized with numerous  
21 honors, including the Outstanding Woman Role Model award, the  
22 Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Award from the La Prensa Foundation,  
23 the Constance Allen Heritage Lifelong Learning Award, the  
24 Commission of the Yellow Rose of Texas from the governor of Texas,

1 and induction into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame; and

2 WHEREAS, An inspiring educator and administrator, Elizabeth  
3 Pompa Garza made a positive difference in the lives of generations  
4 of students, and her contributions will be remembered and admired  
5 for years to come; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Elizabeth Pompa  
8 Garza and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family: to  
9 her sons, Jose Pompa Garza and his wife, Kate, and Julian Alejandro  
10 Garza; to her grandchildren, Martin and Sofía; to her siblings,  
11 Delia Pompa Saenz, Toni Pompa Rodriguez, Melissa Pompa de la Cruz,  
12 Saul Pompa Jr., and Mary Ann, Michael, and David Pompa; and to her  
13 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Elizabeth  
17 Pompa Garza.