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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life lived with joy and purpose drew to a close
2 with the passing of longtime public servant Barbara Edith Otero
3 Perez of El Paso on November 20, 2020, at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Johnny and Julia Otero, the former
5 Barbara Otero was born in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1944 on her
6 mother's birthday, April 12; she grew up with the company of four
7 treasured siblings, Marty, Rudy, Freda, and Mario, and a very large
8 extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins; following the birth
9 of her son, Gregory, she settled in El Paso, and she worked as an
10 insurance adjuster before becoming marketing director for
11 Dickshire Distributing Company; she married the love of her life,
12 Paul Perez, in 1984, and with their fulfilling relationship she
13 gained two daughters, Amy and Annie, whom she raised as her own;
14 eventually, she became the proud grandmother of Ashlie, Layton,
15 Mattie, and Grayson; nicknamed "Dido" by her loved ones, she knew
16 how to bring out the best in each of them and adored bragging about
17 their achievements; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Perez cofounded the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of
19 Commerce and served as vice chair; in 1993, she won the first of
20 three terms on the city council; she supported small and
21 minority-owned businesses and fought with both grace and tenacity
22 for the issues she cared about, including infrastructure
23 development, fair wages, women's equality, and educating youth
24 about drugs and gang violence; subsequently, she benefited her

1 fellow residents as a trustee of the Socorro Independent School
2 District Board and as an El Paso County commissioner; for three
3 years, she hosted a lively radio call-in show about politics, "Talk
4 of the Town"; she was then elected as justice of the peace, and she
5 so enjoyed officiating at weddings that she continued to perform
6 that service after her term concluded; among numerous accolades,
7 she received the prestigious El Paso Conquistador Award, and she
8 was inducted into the Fort Bliss Women's Hall of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, Although Barbara Perez is sadly missed, she left
10 behind a wealth of cherished memories, and her fierce dedication to
11 her family and her community will remain a source of inspiration to
12 all who knew her; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Barbara Edith Otero
15 Perez and extend sincere condolences to her loved ones; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Barbara
20 Edith Otero Perez.