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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Patsy H. Gonzales of Bexar County on January 18, 2021, at
3 the age of 97; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Fidencio Herrera and Maxima Ramos,
5 the former Patsy Herrera was born on July 23, 1923, in San Antonio
6 and graduated from Lanier High School; and

7 WHEREAS, She and her husband, the late Frank Gonzales, were
8 blessed with five children, and Mrs. Gonzales was deeply involved
9 in their school and extracurricular activities; she served as a
10 Girl Scout leader, as the first Hispanic catechist and coordinator
11 at St. Cecilia's Catholic School, and as the first Hispanic
12 president of the St. Michael's Academy parent-teacher group; with
13 the passing years, her family grew to include numerous
14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, Inspired to participate in politics by the 1964
16 prohibition on poll taxes, Mrs. Gonzales became one of the first
17 Hispanic women to serve as an election clerk and election judge; she
18 remained involved in the political sphere into her eighties and
19 beyond, working to support Democratic candidates and advocating for
20 voting at the local and national level; she was also dedicated to
21 public safety and represented the Riverside Neighborhood
22 Association in Cellular on Patrol Southeast; and

23 WHEREAS, While the death of Patsy Gonzales brings
24 immeasurable sorrow to her family and friends, she leaves behind a

1 record of service that her loved ones can remember with pride; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Patsy H. Gonzales and
5 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Patsy
10 Gonzales.