

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

In Memory
of
Norma Rocha Valles

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Norma Rocha Valles, who died June 7, 2023 at the age of 53; and

WHEREAS, Norma Valles was born on July 10, 1969, in Dallas; a treasured citizen and a talented vocalist, her artistry and compassion for others had a profound impact on the Dallas community; and

WHEREAS, A 1987 graduate of South Grande Prairie High School, Norma married Alfonso Valles in 1989, and they were blessed with three children, Leah, Lauren, and Alfonso Jr.; the couple enjoyed great success with their restaurant, Casita Tex-Mex Bar and Grill, and Norma found yet another career as a home remodeler and general contractor with her own business, NV Contractors; and

WHEREAS, After winning the grand prize at La Fuente talent show in 1997, Norma's singing career quickly ascended; she performed as the only woman with a Tejano band, Grupo Cariño, and broke into the male-dominated mariachi industry to become known as Queen of the Mariachis in Dallas; Norma recorded multiple compact discs, including *Ahi Te Va*, *Reflections of Romance*, *Every Time We Say Goodbye*, and *Ya No Soy La Misma*, and she frequently performed the national anthem at sporting events for the Texas Rangers, Dallas Mavericks, and FC Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Norma was active in the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas Dallas Chapter, the Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, DFW Hispanic 100, Junior Players, and the Cara Mía Theatre

Company; she was a passionate supporter of veterans and military service members, and she always went out of her way to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, Norma was a caring and vibrant community steward who gave selflessly of her time and her musical talents, and her voice was an inspiration to countless individuals; a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Norma will long be remembered for her kindness and enthusiasm, and her bright spirit will live on in the memories of all who loved her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Norma Rocha Valles; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Norma Valles.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 27, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate