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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the

passing of Lydia T. Rocha of Del Rio on October 8, 2023, at the age

3 of 79; and

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WHEREAS, Born in Del Rio on January 11, 1944, Lydia Rocha was

5 the daughter of Guadalupe Torres Sr. and Maria de Jesus Torres, and

6 she grew up in a large family; after graduating from Del Rio High

7 School in 1962, she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary

8 education from Texas Woman's University; later in life, she

9 received a master's degree from Texas A&I University and multiple

10 certifications from Sul Ross State University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rocha went on to serve as a teacher and

12 administrator in the Del Rio school system; as a reading

specialist, she shared her passion for reading with countless

14 students during her time in the classroom; she ultimately concluded

15 her career as an assistant principal after 41 years in education;

16 along the way, she impacted the lives of many young people and

17 always sought to support the teachers and staff who worked

18 alongside her; she was a longtime member of the professional

19 teacher organization Delta Kappa Gamma; in retirement, she traveled

20 the world, visiting Hawaii, Alaska, and New York as well as Mexico

21 and several countries in Europe; and

WHEREAS, Above all else, Mrs. Rocha cherished her family; in

23 1966, she married Hector Rocha, and the couple shared a fulfilling

24 relationship until his passing; she was a caring and devoted mother

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- 1 to her six children, Cynthia, Hector, Bianca, Roberto, Bonnie, and
- 2 Monique, and she supported each of them in all of their endeavors;
- 3 with the passing years, she became the beloved matriarch of a fine
- 4 family that grew to include nine grandchildren, Ramiro, Luis
- 5 Gabriel, Hector Manuel, Valerie, Andrea Renee, Adrian Elias,
- 6 Fernando, Adrian Francisco, and Noah Robert, and five
- 7 great-grandchildren, Anaya Reese, Ayden, Adela, Santiago Adriel,
- 8 and Sofia Marie; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rocha was sustained throughout her life by her
- 10 strong faith; a valued congregant of St. Joseph Catholic Church,
- 11 she volunteered as a catechist and was active with various prayer
- 12 groups, such as Grupo Renovación and the Catholic Woman's
- 13 Organization; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Lydia T. Rocha earned the lasting respect and
- 15 admiration of all who were privileged to know her, and she will
- 16 forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of her loved ones and
- 17 friends; now, therefore, be it
- 18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
- 19 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
- 20 of Lydia T. Rocha and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn her
- 21 passing; and, be it further
- 22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
- 24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lydia
- 25 Rocha.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 191 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on November 7, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House