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H.R. No. 83

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Amalia S. Rivera, a valued member of the La Grulla  
2 community and a friend to many, passed away on November 6, 2023, at  
3 the age of 94; and

4           WHEREAS, The daughter of Ramon Solis and Lucia Cantu, the  
5 former Amalia Solis was born in La Grulla on August 9, 1929; she and  
6 her husband, Reynaldo L. Rivera, were blessed with eight daughters,  
7 Azucena, Rebecca, Albesa, Hilda, Amalia, Susanna, Sylvina, and  
8 Rosalinda, and a son, Reynaldo; eventually, their treasured family  
9 grew to include numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and  
10 great-great-grandchildren; the devoted couple shared a fulfilling  
11 relationship of 68 years until Mr. Rivera's passing in 2014;  
12 Mrs. Rivera was also preceded in death by two of her daughters,  
13 Azucena and Rebecca; and

14           WHEREAS, Mrs. Rivera was widely known for making the best  
15 raspas in town; in her neighborhood store, she exhibited a vast  
16 array of memorabilia that she and her husband had collected, among  
17 them two giant statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe and pictures of John  
18 F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, Selena, Michael Jackson, Pancho Villa,  
19 and other famous people; residents enjoyed visiting an  
20 establishment that rivaled a small, quaint museum with its displays  
21 of everything from Dallas Cowboys merchandise to Coca-Cola bottles  
22 and promotional glasses that the Riveras had purchased at  
23 McDonald's restaurants across the country during their time as  
24 migrant workers; and

1           WHEREAS, A beloved matriarch and an esteemed business owner,  
2 Amalia Rivera brightened the days of innumerable people, and  
3 although she will be deeply missed by those she left behind, she  
4 will forever hold a special place in their hearts; now, therefore,  
5 be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
7 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
8 Amalia S. Rivera and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her  
9 family: to her daughters, Albesa R. Parras and her husband, Modesto,  
10 Hilda R. Elizondo and her husband, Alberto, Amalia R. Treviño and  
11 her husband, Humberto, Susanna R. Treviño and her husband, Jorge,  
12 Sylvina Rivera, and Rosalinda Rivera and her husband, Adolfo; to her  
13 son, Reynaldo Rivera Jr.; to her grandchildren,  
14 great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and to her  
15 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

16           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Amalia S.  
19 Rivera.