

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Angelita Gutierrez Cruz of Corpus Christi passed  
2 away on May 1, 2023, at the age of 101, drawing to a close a long and  
3 purposeful life devoted to her family, her faith, and her  
4 community; and

5           WHEREAS, The former Angelita Gutierrez was born at the King  
6 Ranch on September 17, 1921, to Cecilio Gutierrez II and Francisca  
7 Aranda Gutierrez, and she grew up with the companionship of six  
8 siblings, Concepcion, Alejandro, Emilio, Enrique, Adolfo, and  
9 Arturo; during her youth, her family moved to Corpus Christi, where  
10 she attended Cheston Heath Elementary School; and

11           WHEREAS, Distinguishing herself as a professional  
12 seamstress, Mrs. Cruz made a range of attire, including women's  
13 clothing and wedding dresses; she also worked as a teacher's  
14 assistant for sewing classes at Del Mar College, and she turned in  
15 first-place and second-place showings in a quilt-making  
16 competition at a Corpus Christi fair; and

17           WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Cruz enjoyed the love and  
18 support of her husband, Mariano G. Cruz, with whom she shared a  
19 rewarding marriage that spanned more than seven decades before his  
20 passing; she was the devoted mother of 4 children, Frances,  
21 Mariano, David, and the late Janie Vega, and over the years, she  
22 experienced the joy of welcoming 7 grandchildren and 14  
23 great-grandchildren into her treasured family; she pursued her  
24 passions for music, dancing, and swimming in her leisure time, and

1 she also enjoyed keeping up with local and world events; a lifelong  
2 Catholic and a woman of strong faith, she was an active member of  
3 the Schoenstatt Movement; and

4 WHEREAS, Admired and cherished for her unflinching optimism and  
5 her zest for life, Angelita Cruz brightened the world for all who  
6 knew her, and they will forever hold her close in their hearts; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Angelita Gutierrez  
10 Cruz and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to  
11 her daughter, Frances Barrera; to her sons, Mariano Cruz Jr. and  
12 David Cruz; to her grandchildren, Javier Vega, Jaime Vega, Sergio  
13 Barrera, Steve Barrera, Gerianne Freeman, Eartha Cruz, and Martin  
14 Galicia; to her great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and  
15 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 Angelita  
19 Cruz.

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H.R. No. 2325

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2325 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 29, 2023.

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Chief Clerk of the House