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H.R. No. 2325

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.