

By: LaMantia

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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of María Teresa "Tere" Ochoa, who died December 17, 2022, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Tere Ochoa was born on August 13, 1953, and was raised in Port Isabel, where she attended Port Isabel High School and was crowned homecoming queen in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Tere went on to graduate from Pan American University in Brownsville and later received her master's degree in bilingual education from Texas A&I in Kingsville and a certificate in library science from Sam Houston State University; and

WHEREAS, A passionate educator and an avid reader, Tere was an exemplary citizen and a lifetime advocate of public education, and she taught in the Point Isabel School District for 45 years; and

WHEREAS, She was a dedicated member of Our Lady, Star of the Sea Catholic Church and was a member of the church's affiliate chapter of the Catholic Daughters of America; and

WHEREAS, Tere and her beloved husband of 48 years, Benito Ochoa III, were blessed with a son, Benito "Bo" Ochoa IV, a daughter, Analaura Ochoa-Loera, and two grandchildren, Pedro José Loera III, and Matias Benito James Leora; and

WHEREAS, A source of light to all who knew her, Tere was a

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devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be forever cherished by all who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of María Teresa Ochoa; 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 María Teresa Ochoa.