

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 468

WHEREAS, Eva Martinez retired as Wilson County clerk in December 2022, drawing to a close an exemplary career that spanned nearly five decades; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martinez first joined the Wilson County Clerk's Office as a temporary staff member in 1974; two months later, she accepted a full-time position, and she was a deputy clerk for four years before her promotion to chief deputy clerk; in 1988, when the previous county clerk retired, she was appointed to the post, and she subsequently won a special election to fill her predecessor's unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Mrs. Martinez was elected to her first full term as county clerk, and she was repeatedly returned to office in the years that followed, ultimately serving in that capacity for more than three decades; over the course of her tenure, she carried out her duties with distinction, and under her leadership the county clerk's office modernized its services by making records available online and preserving documents dating back to 1860 in scanned digital archives; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Floresville, Mrs. Martinez attended Sacred Heart Catholic School and Floresville High School; during her youth, she assisted her family in harvesting crops in locations across the country during the summer months, and she was strongly influenced by her late father, Nick Cardenas Silva Jr., who stressed the importance of education and hard work; in all her endeavors, she enjoys the love and support of a fine family that includes her husband of 40 years, B. R., her son,

Matthew, and her mother, Cruz; in retirement, she plans to travel extensively, and she has been appointed to the board of San Antonio-based Catholic Life Insurance; and

WHEREAS, With her dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence, Eva Martinez earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and fellow citizens alike, and she may indeed reflect with pride on a job well done as she begins the next exciting chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby congratulate Eva Martinez on her retirement as Wilson County clerk and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mrs. Martinez as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 25, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate