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S.R. No. 468

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

19           WHEREAS, Raised in Floresville, Mrs. Martinez attended  
20 Sacred Heart Catholic School and Floresville High School; during  
21 her youth, she assisted her family in harvesting crops in locations  
22 across the country during the summer months, and she was strongly  
23 influenced by her late father, Nick Cardenas Silva Jr., who  
24 stressed the importance of education and hard work; in all her

1 endeavors, she enjoys the love and support of a fine family that  
2 includes her husband of 40 years, B. R., her son, Matthew, and her  
3 mother, Cruz; in retirement, she plans to travel extensively, and  
4 she has been appointed to the board of San Antonio-based Catholic  
5 Life Insurance; and

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

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

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Mrs. Martinez as an expression of high regard by the  
17 Texas Senate.