## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 508

## In Memory of Gloria Reyes Garcia

WHEREAS, The city of Raymondville lost a beloved resident with the passing of Gloria Ann Reyes Garcia on June 6, 2019, at the age of 66; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of two migrant workers, Jose and Santos Sosa, Gloria Reyes Garcia was born in Raymondville on August 14, 1952, and she grew up with the companionship of five brothers, Jose, Juan, Gilbert, Noe, and Ricardo, and seven sisters, Josephina, Maria, Herminia, Adela, Lydia, Tina, and Brenda; in her youth, she attended Raymondville schools while also working alongside her family in the fields; and

WHEREAS, Gloria went on to take a job with the Last Yellow Bus, a migrant outreach program in which she drove people to and from medical appointments and delivered medications; she eventually joined the referral department of Su Clinica Familiar and served in several different positions, including assistant social worker and migrant hospital coordinator, before being promoted to clinic manager in 1977; she later embarked on a rewarding second career in real estate; and

WHEREAS, Gloria was extremely active in her community and held leadership positions in a number of organizations, including the Raymondville Independent School District Board of Trustees, where she served as president, successfully advocated for the passage of two school bonds, which led to the creation of a new high school in Raymondville, and helped secure salary increases for teachers and support staff, and the Su Clinica Familiar Board of Directors; in addition, she was a member of the National Advisory Council on Migrant Health and also gave freely of her time assisting survivors of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reyes Garcia was the proud mother of five children, Ricardo, Sandra, Jennifer, Stacey, and Erica; with the passing years, she had the privilege of watching her family grow to include 15 grandchildren, John, Isabella, Colt, Mikeal, Mikaela, Madeline, Carlos, Feliberto, Jaime, Emily, Amelia, Jeweliana, Jesse, Jaxson, and Ophelia; and

WHEREAS, Although the death of Gloria Reyes Garcia brought great sorrow to those who loved her, her life was an inspiring example of the good that one person can accomplish; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Gloria Ann Reyes Garcia and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gloria Reyes Garcia.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 2, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate