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S.R. No. 508

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of two migrant workers, Jose and Santos
5 Sosa, Gloria Reyes Garcia was born in Raymondville on August 14,
6 1952, and she grew up with the companionship of five brothers, Jose,
7 Juan, Gilbert, Noe, and Ricardo, and seven sisters, Josephina,
8 Maria, Herminia, Adela, Lydia, Tina, and Brenda; in her youth, she
9 attended Raymondville schools while also working alongside her
10 family in the fields; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Gloria was extremely active in her community and
20 held leadership positions in a number of organizations, including
21 the Raymondville Independent School District Board of Trustees,
22 where she served as president, successfully advocated for the
23 passage of two school bonds, which led to the creation of a new high
24 school in Raymondville, and helped secure salary increases for

1 teachers and support staff, and the Su Clinica Familiar Board of
2 Directors; in addition, she was a member of the National Advisory
3 Council on Migrant Health and also gave freely of her time assisting
4 survivors of sexual assault; and

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

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

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

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