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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Maria T. Gutierrez of Willacy County on
3 April 15, 2019, at the age of 72; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Eutimio and Teresa Gutierrez, Mary
5 Gutierrez was born in Sarita on October 2, 1946, and she grew up
6 with the companionship of nine siblings; throughout her life, she
7 worked to help and support others, and she was a devoted and loyal
8 friend to many; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Gutierrez became city commissioner of
10 Raymondville in 1999, and she held that office for 16 years before
11 concluding her tenure in 2015; dedicated to her community, she was a
12 member of the Raymondville Chamber of Commerce board of directors,
13 and she was active in numerous civic organizations, including
14 Raymondville Amigos Del Valle, Willacy County Little League, Court
15 Appointed Special Advocates, Su Clinica Familiar, and the Willacy
16 County Child Welfare Board; in addition, she was a former member of
17 the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council; and

18 WHEREAS, On January 1, 2001, Ms. Gutierrez joined the Willacy
19 County Emergency Service District Board, and she was elected
20 president of the board in 2015; she ably led the organization until
21 her passing, and she is being posthumously honored with the
22 dedication of its building in her memory; and

23 WHEREAS, Through her leadership, generosity, and commitment
24 to service, Mary Gutierrez made a positive difference in the lives

1 of countless Willacy County residents, and her contributions will
2 continue to resonate for years to come; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
4 hereby pay tribute to the life and legacy of Maria T. Gutierrez;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
8 day, it do so in memory of Mary Gutierrez.