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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Mission lost a beloved friend,
2 neighbor, and educator, with the passing of Maria Elena "Mary"
3 Gonzalez on April 5, 2002, and it is most fitting to remember this
4 beloved woman on the anniversary of her passing; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gonzalez graduated from Our Lady of Guadalupe
6 Catholic School and Mission High School before earning a bachelor's
7 degree in elementary education from The University of Texas--Pan
8 American in 1968; she went on to attain a master's degree in
9 educational diagnostics in 1975; and

10 WHEREAS, She returned to the Mission schools and embarked on
11 an impressive career with the school district that spanned three
12 decades, including eight years teaching in the special education
13 department and 16 more working with students in the Pearson
14 Elementary School gifted and talented program; she spent the last
15 six years of her career serving as an educational diagnostician
16 with the special education department, retiring on May 31, 2000;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, An active member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Mrs.
19 Gonzalez taught Catechism of Christian Doctrine, as well as
20 baptism, confirmation, holy communion, and marriage preparation
21 classes; and

22 WHEREAS, Devoted to her family, faith, and profession, Mary
23 Gonzalez dedicated her life to serving others, and while she is
24 greatly missed, her memory lives on in the hearts and minds of the

1 many people whose lives she touched; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
3 Legislature pay tribute to the life of Maria Elena "Mary" Gonzalez
4 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
5 husband of 31 years, Guadalupe "Lupe" Gonzalez; to her son, Michael
6 George Gonzalez and his wife, Jeannette; to her sister, Rafaela
7 "Lita" Flores and her husband, Rodolfo; to her nephews, Rodolfo
8 "Rudy" Flores III and George Daniel Flores; to her aunt, Lucila
9 Alden; to her cousins, Maricela L. Hartnett, Lucila Lopez, and Juan
10 Daniel Lopez; and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Maria Elena
15 "Mary" Gonzalez.