

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, May 15, 2003, would have been the 72nd birthday of
2 State Representative Irma Rangel, who passed away on March 18,
3 2003, and this sad occasion provides an ideal moment for her
4 colleagues to reflect on her contributions to this body and to the
5 State of Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas A&I University and St. Mary's
7 University, this esteemed woman began her storied tenure in the
8 Texas House of Representatives in 1977 as the first Mexican
9 American woman elected to serve in this chamber; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Rangel's remarkable legacy of public
11 service spanned more than two decades, and during that period her
12 enthusiasm, charm, and resiliency were as constant as her belief in
13 the power of the governmental process to have a positive effect on
14 people's lives; throughout her years as a house member, she could
15 always be counted on for a smile or an encouraging comment when it
16 was most needed and she was accorded by many grateful young members
17 the unofficial title of "den mother" for her mentoring and support;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Highly knowledgeable in a variety of areas, she was
20 particularly effective addressing the complex issue of higher
21 education, and one of her most important legislative achievements
22 guaranteed admission to state colleges and universities for all
23 students who graduated in the top 10 percent of their class; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Rangel's many accomplishments were

1 recognized with a variety of well-deserved accolades during her
2 lifetime; an inductee of the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1994 by
3 Governor Ann Richards, she was voted Woman of the Year in 1998 by
4 the Texas Young Democrats, and was selected as Legislator of the
5 Year in 1997 by the Mexican American Bar Association; and

6 WHEREAS, The profound loss of the dynamic and ebullient
7 presence of Irma Rangel from this chamber is still deeply felt by
8 all those who shared her commitment to creating a brighter future
9 for all Texans, and it is indeed appropriate that we pause on the
10 date of her birth to again honor her life's achievements; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor the memory of our esteemed colleague,
14 State Representative Irma Rangel.

Hamric
Luna

Craddick	Geren	Mercer
Allen	Giddings	Merritt
Alonzo	Goodman	Miller
Bailey	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Baxter	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Berman	Grusendorf	Morrison
Bohac	Guillen	Mowery
Bonnen	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Branch	Haggerty	Nixon
Brown of Kaufman	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Brazos	Hamric	Oliveira
Burnam	Hardcastle	Olivo
Callegari	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Campbell	Hartnett	Pena
Canales	Heflin	Phillips
Capelo	Hegar	Pickett
Casteel	Hilderbran	Pitts
Castro	Hill	Puente
Chavez	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chisum	Hodge	Raymond
Christian	Homer	Reyna
Coleman	Hope	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Rodriguez
Corte	Hughes	Rose
Crabb	Hunter	Seaman
Crownover	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Denny	Keel	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Talton
Dukes	King	Taylor
Dunnam	Kolkhorst	Telford
Dutton	Krusee	Thompson
Edwards	Kuempel	Truitt
Eiland	Laney	Turner
Eissler	Laubenberg	Uresti
Elkins	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Luna	Villarreal
Escobar	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
Farrar	Marchant	Wise
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wohlgemuth
Flynn	McCall	Wolens
Gallego	McClendon	Wong
Garza	McReynolds	Woolley
Gattis	Menendez	Zedler

H.R. No. 1194

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1194 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 16, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House