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H.R. No. 1253

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The residents of Midland lost a beloved local
2 celebrity with the tragic passing of Gracie Veloz Rayos on April 20,
3 2003, at the age of 60; and

4 WHEREAS, Renowned for her pioneering firsts, this intrepid
5 woman began a career in broadcasting at KJBC radio in 1961, at a
6 time when few women and even fewer Hispanics were heard on the
7 airwaves; always ready to take on new challenges and address a
8 public need, she went on to host a successful television show,
9 *Mexico Tejano*, for many years while continuing her career on the
10 radio at KWEL 1070; and

11 WHEREAS, She was dubbed "la reina del aire," or "queen of the
12 airwaves," a nickname which aptly described the manner in which
13 this engaging and adventurous woman was regarded by her many
14 admirers; and

15 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Ms. Rayos was born in Laredo to proud
16 parents Manuel and Feliz Veloz; she was a graduate of Midland High
17 School and earned an associate's degree in real estate from Midland
18 College; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Rayos was involved in her community and was an
20 active member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church; she
21 treasured her strong Catholic faith and took great pleasure in
22 making others smile; and

23 WHEREAS, With her vivacious personality and caring nature,
24 Gracie Rayos was a role model and a leader in her community, and the

1 blessing of her life will be forever cherished by those who made her
2 a part of their world; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor the life of Gracie Veloz Rayos and extend
5 sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband, Jose
6 Rene Rayos, Sr.; to her children, Jose Rene Rayos, Jr., Michael Glen
7 Rayos, and Laura Lyn Bernal; to her grandchildren and
8 great-granddaughter; to her two brothers; and to her many other
9 relatives and friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
12 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gracie
13 Veloz Rayos.