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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, It is a distinct pleasure to honor Lucille de la
2 Garza and recognize the remarkable life she has led as the beloved
3 wife of former U.S. Congressman Eligio "Kika" de la Garza II; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the Vela clan hailing from Edinburg,
5 Mrs. de la Garza attended Edinburg public schools and participated
6 on the debate team and played the saxophone; after graduating from
7 high school, she attended Draughn's Business College, completing a
8 two-year course in only nine months; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. de la Garza worked with Lack's Furniture Store
10 and Whalen's before taking a permanent position in the car license
11 department at the old Hidalgo County courthouse; within five years,
12 she became head of the department, and when the new courthouse was
13 planned, Mrs. de la Garza helped to design the new license
14 department office; and

15 WHEREAS, In the early 1950s, Mrs. de la Garza met her future
16 husband, Eligio "Kika" de la Garza II, at a fund-raiser at the
17 Sacred Heart Church, where they later were married; over the years,
18 the loving couple have shared an enduring union filled with many
19 happy times and cherished family memories and have been blessed by
20 three children, Jorge, Michael, and Angela; and

21 WHEREAS, After Mr. de la Garza was elected to the United
22 States Congress in 1964, this devoted and supportive wife left the
23 Rio Grande Valley she loved and accompanied her husband to
24 Washington, D.C.; over the course of seven presidential

1 administrations, she enjoyed many spectacular experiences,
2 attending state dinners, visiting embassies, and meeting an array
3 of statesmen and dignitaries; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. de la Garza has garnered her share of
5 distinctions, including having christened two U.S. Navy ships, the
6 USNS *Victorious* at Amelia, Louisiana, and the USS *Black Hawk* at
7 Savannah, Georgia; furthermore, she was named the first "Mother of
8 the Year" by AVANCE and received the "Distinguished Democrat" award
9 from the Hidalgo County Democratic Party; and

10 WHEREAS, In May of 2003, Mr. and Mrs. de la Garza achieved a
11 golden milestone in their lives together when they celebrated their
12 50th wedding anniversary; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. de la Garza is a lady truly worthy of esteem;
14 she is a source of inspiration to all those who know her, and it is a
15 privilege to honor her at this time; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize the extraordinary life of Lucille de
18 la Garza and congratulate her and her husband, the Honorable Kika de
19 la Garza, on their recent golden wedding anniversary; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mrs. de la Garza as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.