

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Maria Gallegos Reyes on the grand occasion of her 85th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Maria was born on July 3, 1920, in San Diego, Texas, to Pedro and Concepcion Gallegos; in 1942, she married Andres T. Reyes, who served in the Army Air Forces during World War II; he passed away in 1981; and

WHEREAS, After the war, the couple settled in Alice and purchased a home where Maria still resides; and

WHEREAS, Maria remained at home raising their sons, Andres Arnoldo "Nono" and Aaron; after the boys were grown, she studied cosmetology in Corpus Christi and opened Imperial Beauty Shop across the street from her home; she ran the beauty shop for a number of years, helping support her sons' college education; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from her business, Maria became active in church and civic organizations in the community; she is a devoted member of the Catholic Daughters and the Rosary Society at San Joseph Catholic Church, and she is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary 8621 and the Gold Star Wives of Disabled Veterans; and

WHEREAS, She is a beloved mother and grandmother, and she is widely known for her charm and her generosity of spirit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby recognize Maria Gallegos Reyes as a treasured citizen of the State of Texas and extend to her best wishes for a wonderful 85th birthday celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as a memento of this special day.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 29, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate