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H.R. No. 814

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The fond memories of a most meaningful and  
2 influential life may serve as comfort to the family and friends of  
3 Maria Rivera Alonzo, who passed away April 22, 2006, in Dallas; and

4           WHEREAS, A native Texan, she was born on October 7, 1930, in  
5 Crystal City, the town where she lived for most of her life; never  
6 ashamed or afraid of hard work, she earned money as a migrant farm  
7 laborer, traveling from Texas to several other states in order to  
8 contribute to the wellbeing of her family; and

9           WHEREAS, Upon meeting Emetrio M. Alonzo, Maria found her mate  
10 for life, and the two were blessed by nine children; these sons and  
11 daughters, who included future state representative Roberto R.  
12 Alonzo, were continually inspired by the example of their strong,  
13 industrious, and loving mother who was the foundation of the  
14 family; and

15           WHEREAS, Speaking of his mother's influence on himself and  
16 his siblings, Representative Alonzo has said that, "we are who we  
17 are because of her"; Mrs. Alonzo not only stressed the importance of  
18 basic qualities such as honesty and responsibility, but also taught  
19 her children to value civic and political ideals such as equality  
20 and civil rights and to work for the betterment of all; and

21           WHEREAS, Mrs. Alonzo was deeply saddened by the loss of her  
22 husband, Emetrio, in the late 1970s, but she found solace in the  
23 love of her family and the friendship of her many other  
24 acquaintances; she was a frequent and most welcome visitor to the

1 capitol, and her warmth, grace, and generosity will be fondly  
2 remembered here, as they will be by everyone who had the pleasure  
3 and good fortune of meeting this most remarkable woman; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
6 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
7 Maria Rivera Alonzo and extend deepest sympathy to the members of  
8 her family: to her children, Ramon, Gerardo, Roberto, Victor,  
9 Javier, Monica, Diana, Maria Anna, and Maria Luisa, and to her 28  
10 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren; and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for her family and when the Texas House of Representatives  
13 adjourn this day, they do so in memory of Maria Rivera Alonzo.