

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 184

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Barbara Judith Cigarroa on the occasion of the dedication of the Barbara Flores Cigarroa Library at the Joaquin G. Cigarroa Middle School in Laredo; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cigarroa, the only daughter of Emeterio Flores Jr. and Teresa Raymond, was born on December 4, 1936, in Laredo, Texas; she married Dr. Joaquin G. Cigarroa Jr., on October 29, 1954, and the couple had five daughters and five sons; they now have 29 grandchildren and 14 nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, A longtime supporter of education, Mrs. Cigarroa was educated by the Sisters of Ursuline Academy; a member of the Blessed Sacrament Church, she is a past Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teacher, and she reared her 10 children in an atmosphere of love, discipline, and high moral values and instilled in them a love of learning; building on the excellent foundation laid by the public schools of Laredo, her children have earned 22 undergraduate and graduate degrees from the finest universities in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cigarroa and her husband have set a fine example for their children, who have all achieved success in their chosen professions; Patricia Cigarroa Keck is director of nursing for the Laredo Independent School District; Barbara Judith Cigarroa is an immigration lawyer for homeland security in New York City; Francisco G. Cigarroa is a transplant surgeon and president of The University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio; Ricardo G. Cigarroa is a cardiologist and director of Cigarroa Cardiovascular Institute; Jorge G. Cigarroa is a petroleum engineer and owner of Cigarroa Dispatch Custom Firm; and

WHEREAS, Carlos G. Cigarroa is a cardiologist and owner of the soon-to-open Cigarroa Clinic; Gabriella G. Cigarroa is partner and chief operations officer of Secure Solutions International, Incorporated; Joaquin E. Cigarroa is a cardiologist and chief of clinical cardiology at the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland; Maria Elena Cigarroa Kennedy is a lawyer in Austin; and Maria Isabel Cigarroa Heymach is a journalist in Houston; Dr. and Mrs. Cigarroa can take great pride in their children's many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cigarroa has been active in Laredo civic affairs for many years; she has been a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem since 1977, and she received its prestigious Silver Palm of Jerusalem medal in 2004; and

WHEREAS, She was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame, Commission for Women in 1997 and is also a Daughter of the Court of Isabella and a member of the Pan American Round Table; she is a past member of the Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg County Women's Medical Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, It is truly fitting that Barbara Judith Cigarroa be honored for her contributions to the civic life of Laredo; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Barbara Judith Cigarroa for her many years of service to the Laredo community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 10, 2006.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate