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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 99th birthday is truly a special reason for
2 celebration, and on February 19, 2005, Anita Chapa of El Paso is
3 marking this significant event in her life in the company of her
4 loved ones; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Brownsville, she was the first of 11
6 children; when she was six or seven years old, her family moved
7 across the Rio Grande to Matamoros, where she lived for the next two
8 decades; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1932, this delightful lady met the love of her
10 life, Antonio Chapa, and they were married on December 29, 1935, and
11 moved back to Brownsville; the pair shared an enduring union based
12 on mutual love, trust, and respect for 48 years, until Mr. Chapa's
13 passing in 1983; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Chapa's hard work set a fine example for her
15 five children, all of whom have achieved notable success in their
16 endeavors; Jose Antonio retired as a major in the U.S. Army and now
17 is director of training at a San Antonio flight training center;
18 Marianita is a doctor who served as national director of education
19 and vice president of LULAC; Rita has a master's degree and is an
20 educator in the Rio Grande Valley; Reymundo is an army veteran and a
21 parole officer in the Valley; and Albina is a consultant working to
22 aid people in colonias in the El Paso area; and

23 WHEREAS, Accomplished at sewing, Mrs. Chapa was a seamstress
24 while her children were growing up, and she supplemented the family

1 income as an Avon representative for more than 3-1/2 decades; and

2 WHEREAS, Grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of nine,
3 Anita Chapa brings much happiness into the lives of her family and
4 friends, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring her at this time;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature hereby heartily congratulate Anita Chapa on the joyous
8 occasion of her 99th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes
9 for continued happiness; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mrs. Chapa as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.