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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times, loving  
2 moments, and meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and  
3 friends of Tena Loverde Ferrara who died on April 17, 2005, at the  
4 age of 94; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Dickinson on January 29, 1911, Mrs. Ferrara  
6 grew up in a family with eight sisters and two brothers and derived  
7 great joy from school and sports; she learned to cook and sew as a  
8 junior high school student, and her talent in both areas served her  
9 well throughout her lifetime; an exceptional seamstress and a great  
10 cook, she often helped her sisters with their professional wedding  
11 seamstress work, and she used fresh herbs from her own garden for  
12 such special dishes as her legendary pasta sauce; and

13           WHEREAS, The former Tena Loverde married Richard Ferrara in  
14 1932 and the couple lived in New Orleans for the first few years of  
15 their marriage; they later moved back to Houston to be near her  
16 large, close-knit family; and

17           WHEREAS, Mrs. Ferrara and her husband shared an enduring  
18 union for 67 years until his passing; they enjoyed ballroom dancing  
19 and listening to music, particularly big band and Latin rhythms,  
20 and going crabbing and crawfishing and picking dewberries with  
21 their three children; Mrs. Ferrara also loved her garden and her  
22 gardening efforts paid off in beautiful roses and lilies, an  
23 abundance of vegetables, and the herbs she used in her cooking; and

24           WHEREAS, Tena Ferrara was truly a blessing in the lives of

1 countless people, and she will long be remembered for her abiding  
2 faith and generous heart and the enjoyment she found in her life;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Tena Loverde Ferrara  
6 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her  
7 children and their spouses, Richard and Lois Ferrara, Lucia and  
8 Michael Bettler, and Mary Jo and Mike Piwetz; to her grandchildren,  
9 Rick and Claudia Ferrara, Lisa Ferrara, Lynn and Steve Fagerstrom,  
10 Jessica and Billy Long, and Emily Piwetz; to her  
11 great-grandchildren, Juan Fagerstrom and Jeffrey and Maddie Long;  
12 and to all who mourn the passing of this beloved woman; and, be it  
13 further

14         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tena  
17 Loverde Ferrara.