

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 182

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Camerina Lopez on the grand occasion of her 100th birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Camerina was honored with birthday celebrations on February 6 by her family and on February 7 by the staff of the Edinburg Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where she is a beloved and respected resident; at the nursing center, she was serenaded with a mariachi trio, and she left her wheelchair to dance a few steps; and

**WHEREAS**, Camerina continues to have a good memory; she still remembers the day, December 20, 1920, that she came to the United States as a teenager and that the weather was beautiful; and

**WHEREAS**, She is still active at the nursing center; her activities include playing bingo, participating in arts and crafts and religious services, and going on outings; she also is involved in the center's cooking corner and still makes tamales; and

**WHEREAS**, After the death of her husband in 1935, Camerina was left with four children to raise by herself; she spent her life in Edinburg and worked hard in a variety of jobs, such as running a small grocery store, scrubbing floors in a hospital, working in a cannery, and cooking in a restaurant; and

**WHEREAS**, Her family, which includes her four children and 20 grandchildren, attributes Camerina's long life to her decades of hard work; the secret to her strength, she claims, is jalapeño peppers; she is known for her engaging personality, her courage, and her compassion for others; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize Camerina Lopez as a treasured citizen of our state and extend to her congratulations on her 100th birthday; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as a token 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 February 21, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate