

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 960

In Memory  
of  
Laura Canales

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Laura Canales, who died April 16, 2005, at the age of 50; and

**WHEREAS**, Born August 19, 1954, in Kingsville, Laura was known as the Queen of Tejano music; she made her recording debut in 1973 with Los Unicos; and

**WHEREAS**, Widely credited with pioneering the way for female Tejano singers in a field dominated by men, Laura won her first female entertainer and female vocalist of the year award at the Tejano Music Awards in 1981; she won both awards again each year from 1983 to 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, Among her many hit singles were "Midnight Blue" and "Si Vivi Contigo"; her 1990 album "No Regrets" remained on the Billboard regional Mexican chart for 13 weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, Laura returned to school, and in 1997 she graduated from Texas A&M University--Kingsville; as a role model, she understood that she could play a role in the lives of teenagers and wanted to emphasize to them the value of staying in school and continuing their education into college; and

**WHEREAS**, A woman of courage, strength, and determination, Laura gave generously of herself to others, and her wisdom, warmth, and dauntless spirit will not be forgotten by those who knew her; she leaves behind memories that will be treasured by

her family, her friends, and her millions of fans; now,  
therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas,  
79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the  
bereaved family of Laura Canales: her mother, Maria Elena, and  
her brother, Joel; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for  
the members of her family as an expression of deepest sympathy  
from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this  
day, it do so in memory of Laura Canales.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on May 20, 2005, by a  
rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate