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H.R. No. 210

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends of Audrey Perez Cantu were deeply
2 saddened by her death on November 14, 2006, at the age of 87; and

3 WHEREAS, Born on December 10, 1918, in Pearsall, the former
4 Audrey Perez grew up in San Antonio, the daughter of restaurant
5 owners; she married Benny J. Cantu on December 10, 1933, and became
6 a devoted housewife and mother while her husband operated his own
7 drugstore; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cantu began to cook professionally in the 1940s
9 when her husband opened a lunch counter at the drugstore; concerned
10 about being away from her children, she had the idea to move the
11 restaurant into a two-story house, in which the second floor would
12 serve as the family living quarters; established in 1949, Audry's
13 Mexican Restaurant went on to become a local institution, and
14 through the decades, Mrs. Cantu oversaw the kitchen, devised the
15 menus, and cooked; even after her son, Tony, took over the operation
16 in 1980, she remained a steadfast presence, eventually leaving the
17 kitchen for the front desk; and

18 WHEREAS, She was a longtime member and president emeritus of
19 the Sembradores de Amistad de San Antonio, which her husband
20 founded, and she was active in the Pan American League and the
21 Daughters of the Catholic Charity; in addition, she took great
22 delight in playing games around the table with her friends; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cantu shared more than 46 years of marriage
24 with her husband before his passing in 1980, and the couple were the

1 parents of five children; and

2 WHEREAS, The cherished matriarch of a large family and a
3 valued member of the community, Audrey Cantu will long be
4 remembered with affection by all who shared in the blessings of her
5 life; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the memory of Audrey Perez Cantu and
8 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
9 children, Ben Cantu, Jr., and his wife, Beverly, Audrey Williams
10 and Gerald Koch, Aida Alonso and her husband, Anthony, and Tony
11 Cantu and his wife, Susan; to her sisters, Judy McCoy and Annie
12 Zamarripa and her husband, Pete; to her 12 grandchildren and 16
13 great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and many friends;
14 and, be it further

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