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H.R. No. 541

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 Victoria Vasquez Alderete of San Antonio, who passed
4 away on February 8, 2007, at the age of 89; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Alderete was inspired to support her country
6 during World War II, and in 1943 she was hired on at Fort Sam
7 Houston; initially serving as a driver for the garrison's officers,
8 she later earned the position of forklift operator and is said to
9 have been the first woman to serve in that capacity; and

10 WHEREAS, She went on to hold employment with a refrigeration
11 company and Kelly Air Force Base before her retirement in 1972, and
12 she was proud to have never had an accident on the job; her
13 reputation for precision made her a valuable employee, and she was
14 often called on to handle sensitive cargo, including munitions; and

15 WHEREAS, Known to her friends as "Red," this beloved woman
16 took great pleasure in spending time with her family; always
17 impeccably dressed, she had often picked her grandchildren up from
18 school in her signature white Cadillac, and she will forever occupy
19 a special place in the hearts of her loved ones; now, therefore, be
20 it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Victoria Vasquez
23 Alderete and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family:
24 to her children, Joe V. Alderete, Jr., Arthur V. Alderete, Gloria

1 Alderete Segovia, and Alvin D. Alderete; to her 14 grandchildren
2 and 10 great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and friends;
3 and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Victoria
7 Vasquez Alderete.