

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 13, 2007, marked a very special occasion for
2 Maria Lemus Trevino of Falfurrias, for on that day she celebrated
3 her 97th birthday; and

4 WHEREAS, Born at the stroke of midnight on March 13, 1910, the
5 former Maria De Los Remedios Eduvijes Guzman Lemus moved with her
6 parents, Mauricio and Carlota Lemus, to South Texas in 1923; she
7 worked alongside them at several area ranches while she attended
8 school and later spent eight years working for a local doctor; and

9 WHEREAS, She married Florentino Galindo Trevino on December
10 29, 1935, embracing her role as stepmother to his six children, and
11 in the years that followed, the couple became the parents of nine
12 more; Mrs. Trevino helped support her family as an insurance agent
13 for the Howard-Williams Funeral Home for more than two decades, and
14 in exchange for her children's education, she served as a cook and
15 driver for the Ursuline nuns at Sacred Heart Parochial School; in
16 1960, she and her husband opened the Heart's Delight Food Store,
17 which they operated for more than 30 years; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to her busy home and work life, Mrs.
19 Trevino made time to participate in civic affairs, serving as chair
20 of Brooks County Precinct 1; in the early 1950s, she was appointed
21 presiding election judge for the precinct, a position she held for
22 many years, and she later served as chair of the Democratic Party
23 for Brooks County; and

24 WHEREAS, This esteemed woman also shared her time as a member

1 of the Brooks County Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and as the first
2 Eucharistic minister at the hospital and the Canterbury Villa
3 Nursing Home, where, along with the local senior citizens activity
4 center, she continues to offer communion today; known as the
5 "Mother Teresa of Falfurrias," she regularly visits the sick and
6 elderly and brings communion to homebound Catholics on Sundays; in
7 2002, she received the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* Jefferson
8 Volunteer Award for her community involvement and her service as a
9 Eucharistic minister for Sacred Heart Catholic Church; moreover,
10 she is a founding member of the Monday Night Rosary Crusade and
11 often hosts the rosary at her home; and

12 WHEREAS, A widow for more than a decade, Mrs. Trevino is the
13 cherished matriarch of a large family that includes her surviving
14 eight children and two stepchildren, along with 29 grandchildren
15 and more than 40 great-grandchildren; she continues to drive and
16 manage her household and credits her health and longevity to her
17 strong faith and her penchant for eating chili peppers with every
18 meal; and

19 WHEREAS, Maria Lemus Trevino has significantly contributed
20 to the quality of life in Falfurrias, and she is a joy and
21 inspiration to all who have the privilege of her company; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Maria Lemus Trevino on her 97th
25 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
26 happiness; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mrs. Trevino as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 897 was adopted by the House on April 5, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House