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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Emilia Sanchez Hernandez on
2 April 17, 2007, the life of a successful businesswoman and a beloved
3 mother and grandmother drew to a close; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Manor, Mrs. Hernandez was a lifelong
5 resident of Central Texas and lived in the same house in Austin
6 since the 1940s; and

7 WHEREAS, Following her marriage in 1951, she and her husband
8 began a family that eventually included five children; shortly
9 after her first child was born, Mrs. Hernandez took up baking and
10 taught herself how to create tasty and beautiful cakes; in time, her
11 passion became a home-grown business, Unique Cakes by Emilia, which
12 she opened in 1970; for 27 years, this enterprise provided her
13 satisfied customers with delectable treats for weddings,
14 birthdays, and other events, and offered Mrs. Hernandez a means to
15 help support her family; and

16 WHEREAS, A master of oven artistry, Emilia Hernandez crafted
17 lovely designs that ranged from small and simple to large and
18 complex, and on one memorable occasion, she created the enormous
19 "Queen Emilia" cake that fed 600 people; and

20 WHEREAS, That cake was made for her son's wedding, and Mrs.
21 Hernandez's devotion to her children was shown in countless other
22 ways; with the passing years, Mrs. Hernandez welcomed new
23 generations to the family, which grew to include 13 grandchildren
24 and three great-grandchildren with whom she shared her love and

1 wisdom; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hernandez was a valued member of her community
3 who enjoyed the friendship of her fellow worshipers at Our Lady of
4 Guadalupe Church in East Austin, where she sang in the choir; she
5 also took pleasure in her hobbies of oil painting and playing
6 friendly games of poker with acquaintances; and

7 WHEREAS, Emilia Hernandez was a positive and caring person
8 whose delicious cakes and warm personality sweetened the lives of
9 all who knew her, and she will be fondly remembered and greatly
10 missed; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Emilia Sanchez
13 Hernandez and extend deepest condolences to the members of her
14 family: to her children, Elizabeth "Liz" Cortez and her husband,
15 George Ramirez, Emilia "Milly" Hernandez-Alba and her husband,
16 Tony, Carlos E. Hernandez and his wife, Martha, Richard "Rico"
17 Hernandez, and John A. Hernandez and his wife, Mary Alice; to her
18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; to her former husband
19 and the father of her children, Charlie Hernandez, Sr.; to her
20 sisters, Tina Sanchez, Ramona Sanchez, Connie Castillo, and Angel
21 Borjas; and to her brother, Eulalio Sanchez; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Emilia
25 Sanchez Hernandez.