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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Irene Pena Villarreal of San Antonio died on
2 November 19, 2006, leaving her circle of family and friends with
3 many treasured memories of time spent in her company; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 28, 1930, Mrs. Villarreal grew up in
5 Fort Stockton, where she was among the top students in her high
6 school graduating class; she attended college for a year but was
7 unable to continue for financial reasons, and she moved to San
8 Antonio to take classes at Duruy Business School, where she met her
9 future husband, Alejandro P. Villarreal; and

10 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mr. Villarreal was often
11 overseas as a member of the armed forces, and Mrs. Villarreal
12 worked in many different jobs to help support the family,
13 eventually becoming a licensed real estate broker and agent; she
14 was determined that her children would receive the best education
15 available, and she sent them to private Catholic schools; her dream
16 for her family was realized when her four children earned a total of
17 seven college degrees, both at the undergraduate and graduate
18 levels; she had the same wish for her grandchildren, and she worked
19 hard to pay for their private Catholic schooling as well; and

20 WHEREAS, A dedicated wife and mother, Mrs. Villarreal was
21 inspired by her Catholic faith and in particular, by the figure of
22 Our Lady of Guadalupe; after her husband became disabled, she
23 lovingly embraced her role as his full-time caretaker; she also
24 took pleasure in attending her children's and grandchildren's plays

1 and special events, and she frequently found ways to let them know
2 how much she loved them; and

3 WHEREAS, Irene Villarreal lived a caring and purposeful life,
4 and she often put her loved ones' needs above her own; her
5 dedication to nurturing the members of her family and helping them
6 achieve their goals leaves a lasting legacy of love and hope that
7 those she left behind will always treasure; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Irene Pena Villarreal
10 and offer condolences to the members of her family: to her husband,
11 Alejandro P. Villarreal; to her children, Rose Cecile Villarreal,
12 Mary Latrecka Jensen and her husband, Ron, Edward A. Villarreal and
13 his wife, Delia, and Peter A. Villarreal and his wife, Patricia; to
14 her grandchildren, Amanda and Eric Villarreal and Irena and Reese
15 Jensen; to her siblings, Mary P. Sotelo, Elena P. Gallego and her
16 husband, Pete, and Pete P. Pena; and to her other relatives and
17 friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Irene
21 Villarreal.