

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 490

In Memory  
of  
Petra Rivera Elizondo

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Petra Rivera Elizondo, who died March 14, 2007, at the age of 95; and

**WHEREAS**, Petra Elizondo was born in Lampasitos, Mexico, and her parents brought her to the United States as an infant to escape the Mexican Revolution; the oldest of 12 children, she worked in the family restaurant in El Mercado; and

**WHEREAS**, During the Great Depression, she met and married the late Paul Elizondo, Sr.; together they overcame the rigors of the Great Depression and his tuberculosis to enjoy 64 years of marriage together; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Elizondo worked for the Texson Clothing Company, and she was a caseworker for the Texas Department of Human Services until her retirement at the age of 72; and

**WHEREAS**, The matriarch of a close and affectionate family, she enjoyed sharing her home-cooked meals, as well as her wisdom and advice, with those she loved; and

**WHEREAS**, A woman of dignity, generosity, and compassion, she gave unselfishly to others, and her wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

**WHEREAS**, Petra Elizondo was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she will long be remembered with affection and appreciation by all who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Petra Rivera Elizondo: her son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Irene Elizondo; her grandsons, David, John, and Richard; her great-grandchildren, Adelina, Marissa, and Sofia; her sisters, Hope Enriquez and Rosa Herrera; and her brother, Carlos Rivera; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Petra Rivera Elizondo.

Van de Putte

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2007, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate