SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 928 In Memory of Mary de Lellis Treviño

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Laredo in mourning the loss of Sister Mary de Lellis Treviño, who died March 21, 2007, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, Born Amalia Treviño on December 17, 1912, Sister Mary de Lellis Treviño was graduated from Laredo High School in 1933; she was an avid sports enthusiast and a high school cheerleader who later developed a deep love for the Dallas Cowboys; she entered the Sisters of Mercy in Webster Groves, Missouri, in 1942, the first Laredoan and Mexican American to do so; and

WHEREAS, After taking her vows, Sister de Lellis served as a primary teacher at Mercy Schools before earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Fontbonne College and completing an internship in medical technology; she then served as laboratory supervisor at several Mercy Hospitals, first in Laredo and then in several cities throughout Texas; and

WHEREAS, Sister de Lellis returned to Laredo in 1962 and served for over three decades at Mercy Hospital, during which time she automated the clinical laboratory; she also played a major role in the establishment of a Sisters of Mercy Novitiate in Laredo; she retired in 1986 at the age of 74, but continued to work at Mercy Casita, a community food distribution center operated by Mercy Ministries of Laredo; and

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WHEREAS, A woman of courage, deep faith, and compassion, Sister de Lellis was beloved by her family and friends, and she will long be remembered for her generous spirit and her many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Sister Mary de Lellis Treviño; 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 Sister Mary de Lellis Treviño.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 30, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate