

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Friends and fans of Tejano legend Laura Canales were
2 deeply saddened by her untimely passing on April 16, 2005, at the
3 age of 50; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 19, 1954, in Kingsville, Ms. Canales
5 was inspired to pursue a career in music by her choral director at
6 H. M. King High School; although few women performed in the Tejano
7 arena at the time, she made her recording debut with Los Unicos in
8 1973, the same year of her high school graduation; she later
9 performed with El Conjunto Bernal, Snowball & Company, and Encanto,
10 and among her many hits were *Eternamente*, *O Gran Dios*, *Cinco Canas*
11 *Mas*, and *Si Vivi Contigo*; an album released in 1977 ranked 10th on
12 Billboard's "Hot Latin" chart, and her 1990 record, *No Regrets*,
13 remained on the charts for 13 weeks; and

14 WHEREAS, Much of this talented Texan's popularity derived
15 from her rich and supple singing voice; known for delivering a
16 soulful punch to her polkas, rancheras, and ballads, she won
17 numerous Tejano Music Awards for Best Female Vocalist and Best
18 Female Entertainer in the 1980s and, in 1983, Governor Mark White
19 presented her with a "Yellow Rose of Texas" award; recognized for
20 her loyalty to her roots while many other Tejano artists crossed
21 over to English-language pop, she was included in the first class of
22 inductees in the Tejano Roots Hall of Fame in 2000; and

23 WHEREAS, Fun-loving and easygoing, Ms. Canales nevertheless
24 was determined to continue her education and some 20 years after her

1 high school graduation, she enrolled in courses at Texas A&M
2 University-Kingsville; after earning her undergraduate degree in
3 clinical psychology, she had begun working on her master's degree
4 when she became ill; and

5 WHEREAS, Known as "La Reina de la Onda Tejana," or "the Queen
6 of the Tejano Wave," Laura Canales is credited with breaking gender
7 barriers and opening doors for such artists as Selena, Jennifer
8 Peña, and Shelly Lares; this gifted and beloved daughter of South
9 Texas is truly missed, and the achievements of the First Lady of
10 Tejano ensure that she will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Laura Canales on April
14 16, 2009, the fourth anniversary of her death; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That when the Texas House of Representatives
16 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Laura Canales.

Alonzo

Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 297

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 297 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House