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H.R. No. 383

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Leonora Rodriguez Castellanos of San
2 Antonio on November 5, 2008, at the age of 89, brought a profound
3 loss to the family and friends of this esteemed woman; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on September 17, 1919, "Nora" Castellanos lived
5 a caring and purposeful life; she was a devoted and loving wife to
6 Jose Lopez Castellanos, whom she married on April 13, 1941, and with
7 whom she shared nearly seven decades; the couple became the parents
8 of six treasured children, Josephine Garza, Diana Martinez,
9 Margaret Reyna, Irene Bernal, Joseph Castellanos, and Veronica
10 Cisneros; through the years, Mr. and Mrs. Castellanos also welcomed
11 23 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, and 3
12 great-great-grandchildren into their family; and

13 WHEREAS, Nora Castellanos served her community with zeal,
14 winning numerous accolades for her contributions to civic life and
15 never hesitating to give of her time; passionately committed to
16 political causes, she joined with six other women to found the
17 League of United Latin American Citizens Council 282 in San
18 Antonio; moreover, this dynamic Texan was a delegate to the
19 Democratic National Convention in the 1970s, served as a mediator
20 for the Bexar County Mediation Center, and was a founding member of
21 the Carver Cultural Center; and

22 WHEREAS, In addition to her responsibilities as a wife and
23 mother, Mrs. Castellanos served as a case worker for the Texas
24 Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; she was also an

1 excellent seamstress and served as secretary to the parish priests
2 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, where she was a
3 valued member; and

4 WHEREAS, An inspiring role model, Nora Castellanos lived a
5 life of service to her family and her community, and she will be
6 forever remembered by all who were privileged to share in the
7 richness of her life; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Leonora Rodriguez
10 Castellanos and extend deepest sympathy to her family and to her
11 friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leonora
15 Rodriguez Castellanos.