

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of
2 Hermelinda Economedes of Edinburg, who died on February 23, 2009,
3 at the age of 66; and

4 WHEREAS, Linda Economedes was born in Edinburg on September
5 25, 1942, to Cayetano Casas and Gregoria Lopez Diaz; also known as
6 "Mellie" to her close friends, she attended Sacred Heart School and
7 graduated from Edinburg High School in 1961; and

8 WHEREAS, After earning her nursing degree, Mrs. Economedes
9 worked as a nurse with several Edinburg physicians over the years;
10 later in life, she worked in real estate; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1967, Mrs. Economedes was joined in marriage to
12 Johnny G. "The Greek" Economedes, and they were blessed with two
13 children, DeAnne and Andrew; the couple shared a happy life
14 together until 1998, when Mr. Economedes passed away; and

15 WHEREAS, A woman of strong religious faith, Mrs. Economedes
16 was an active, lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
17 serving as a lector and as a member of the ACTS Brothers and
18 Sisters, the Disciples in Mission, and the Women of Grace; and

19 WHEREAS, She was active in the greater community as well,
20 serving on the Pan American Round Table of Edinburg and
21 representing the Edinburg Fire Department on the Texas Forest
22 Service Rural Fire Advisory Council; she was also a member of the
23 Edinburg Friends of the Library and the McAllen Booklovers Club;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Dedicated to her family, her community, and her
2 faith, Linda Economedes was a warm and compassionate woman, and she
3 leaves behind memories that will be forever treasured by those who
4 knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Hermelinda Economedes
7 and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
8 daughter, DeAnne Economedes; to her son, Andrew Economedes; to her
9 sisters, Cecilia Casas and Evangelina Garza and her husband,
10 Carlos; to her sisters-in-law, Maria Elena Casas and Lydia Casas;
11 to her brother-in-law, Israel Rodriguez; to her longtime friend,
12 Maria de Jesus "Chuy" Chia; and to her other relatives and many
13 friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Hermelinda
17 Economedes.

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H.R. No. 850

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 850 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House