

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of San Angelo lost a remarkable
2 philanthropist with the death of Eva Camunez Tucker on June 24,
3 2007, at the age of 96; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in San Angelo on April 9, 1911, the former Eva
5 Camunez was the daughter of Josefa and Reynaldo Camunez; they sent
6 her to Incarnate Word Academy in San Antonio because of segregation
7 in local schools, but eventually prevailed on San Angelo High
8 School to admit her; she became its first Hispanic graduate and went
9 on to earn her teaching certificate from Angelo State University;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, This gifted educator began her career in Mertzon;
12 the town hired her to teach Mexican American children, but she could
13 find no place to live there, so sheepshearers transported her from
14 her residence in San Angelo; after moving on to Ballinger, she was
15 soon promoted to the post of principal; she served her country
16 during World War II as a mail censor and then as a translator for the
17 state department in Washington, D.C.; and

18 WHEREAS, On December 30, 1948, she married Art Tucker, an
19 independent oilman; the couple settled in Ballinger, where Mrs.
20 Tucker began running the office for her husband, a responsibility
21 she carried out for nearly three decades; the couple relocated to
22 Lueders after buying a refinery and enjoyed a rewarding marriage
23 until Mr. Tucker's death in 1975; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Tucker returned to San Angelo in 1976 and built

1 her husband's legacy into a sizeable fortune through her skill as an
2 investor; she lived modestly in the home her father had built and
3 donated millions of dollars to religious, educational, and
4 charitable causes, as well as to the arts; Mrs. Tucker created the
5 Up and Coming Scholars program at San Angelo State and provided
6 funds not only to her own beloved St. Joseph Catholic Church, but
7 also to churches around the state and in other countries; and

8 WHEREAS, The myriad beneficiaries of the Art and Eva Camunez
9 Tucker Foundation included the West Texas Rehabilitation Center,
10 the San Angelo Symphony, the Concho Valley Home for Girls, and the
11 West Texas Collection of San Angelo University; Mrs. Tucker was a
12 patron to such West Texas artists as painter Rene Alvarado and
13 sculptor Raul Ruiz, from whom she commissioned a bronze statue of
14 sheepshearers for ASU in gratitude and remembrance of the men who
15 had brought her to and from her classroom in Mertzon so many years
16 before; and

17 WHEREAS, Beloved by her community, Mrs. Tucker was named
18 Citizen of the Year by the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce in 1995
19 and received numerous other accolades, among them ASU's first
20 honorary doctorate and designation by the Women's Chamber of
21 Commerce of Texas as one of the Texas Women of the Century; she was
22 invested in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, the second
23 highest and second oldest of papal orders, and was named a papal
24 lady, the highest award a Catholic laywoman can receive; and

25 WHEREAS, Eva Tucker earned the lasting admiration of her
26 community as a benefactor and as a role model, and throughout her
27 life, she inspired others with her devotion, generosity, and caring

1 nature; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Eva Camunez Tucker and
4 that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it
5 do so in memory of Eva Camunez Tucker.

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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. 899

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 899 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House