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H.R. No. 2234

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The accomplished life of Gloria Reyes Garcia of
2 Raymondville has inspired all who are privileged to know her; and

3 WHEREAS, Born on August 14, 1952, to migrant workers Jose and
4 Santos Sosa, Ms. Garcia attended Raymondville schools while working
5 alongside her family in the fields; as a young adult, she took a job
6 with a migrant worker outreach program called the Last Yellow Bus,
7 in which she drove people to and from their medical appointments and
8 delivered medications; and

9 WHEREAS, She was soon promoted to work in the referral
10 department of Su Clinica Familiar, a new local clinic with a focus
11 on migrant health care, and she went on to serve in several
12 positions, including assistant social worker and migrant hospital
13 coordinator, before being named the clinic manager in 1977; and

14 WHEREAS, After leaving the organization and pursuing a second
15 career in real estate, Ms. Garcia entered public service as a member
16 of the Raymondville Independent School District Board of Trustees;
17 she worked hard to improve the educational experience of area
18 children, successfully advocating for the passage of two school
19 bonds and helping secure salary increases for both teachers and
20 support staff; also during her tenure, she contributed important
21 leadership as vice president and president of the board; and

22 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has further served her fellow
23 citizens as vice president of the Su Clinica Familiar Board of
24 Directors and as a member of the National Advisory Council on

1 Migrant Health; moreover, between 1999 and 2001, she co-published a
2 weekly newspaper called the *Willacy Times*; in one of her well known
3 but less formal roles, she has assisted numerous survivors of
4 sexual violence, especially those who have nowhere else to turn;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Garcia's real estate business has flourished
7 through the years, and she currently owns more than 100 acres of
8 land; she is supported in her endeavors by her husband, Richard, as
9 well as her five children, Sandra, Jennifer, Stacey, Erica, and
10 Richard; and

11 WHEREAS, Gloria Reyes Garcia has set an outstanding example
12 of hard work and generosity to which all may aspire, and it is
13 indeed a pleasure to recognize this distinguished Texan; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor Gloria Reyes Garcia for her myriad
17 achievements and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
18 success and happiness; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Ms. Garcia as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.