

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Maria Elena Cardenas served Val Verde County as  
2 county clerk for two decades, and her exceptional record of  
3 achievement indeed merits special recognition; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Del Rio to Tomas and Antonia Aguirre, the  
5 former Maria Aguirre graduated from San Felipe High School and  
6 attended business college in San Antonio; she married Jose Luis  
7 Cardenas in 1963, and the couple today have five children, Jose,  
8 Bill, Oneida, Joelda, and Sobeida, as well as seven grandchildren;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, A devoted wife and mother, Mrs. Cardenas dedicated  
11 herself to raising her family for nearly a decade while her children  
12 were young; she was hired as a Val Verde County deputy clerk in 1972  
13 and held that job for five years before moving with her husband to  
14 San Antonio; and

15           WHEREAS, When the family returned to Del Rio in 1979,  
16 Mrs. Cardenas was rehired as a deputy clerk and later became chief  
17 deputy; in 1986, she was urged by retiring county clerk Mildred  
18 Hildreth to run for office and was elected unopposed in that year's  
19 election; Mrs. Cardenas went on to serve three additional terms as  
20 county clerk, doing an outstanding job of managing the official  
21 records, administering elections, and fulfilling the other duties  
22 of the office, until her retirement on December 31, 2006; and

23           WHEREAS, A diligent and professional public servant, Maria  
24 Cardenas contributed greatly to the government operations of Val

1 Verde County, and she may take justifiable pride in the excellent  
2 service she provided to area Texans; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
4 Legislature hereby honor Maria Elena Cardenas for her outstanding  
5 work as the county clerk for Val Verde County and extend to her  
6 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it  
7 further

8       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Mrs. Cardenas as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.

Gallego

H.R. No. 2382

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2382 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House