

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sylvia G. Rodriguez is retiring in 2009 after 11
2 years of exemplary service as a staff member for several Texas
3 legislators; and

4 WHEREAS, Born Sylvia Theresa Garza in 1928, Mrs. Rodriguez
5 grew up in San Antonio amidst a large, loving family; at one point
6 early in her life, she nearly followed one of her sisters, a
7 recording artist and radio personality, into show business; having
8 gained some theater experience in New York, Sylvia Garza had taken a
9 screen test and won a movie contract; just before she was to start
10 work, however, she returned home for a visit and met a young
11 military pilot; throwing her other plans to the wind, she moved to
12 Houston in 1950 and married her beloved aviator, David Garcia
13 Rodriguez; and

14 WHEREAS, Sylvia and David Rodriguez became the proud parents
15 of six children and supported them wholeheartedly in their myriad
16 activities; Mrs. Rodriguez also kept busy teaching crafts, tutoring
17 elementary school students, and organizing an exercise class for
18 stay-at-home mothers; at the request of the National Junior Tennis
19 League, she coordinated a tennis program and saw the girls' team go
20 on to win all-district and an invitation to play in the nationals in
21 Washington, D.C.; and

22 WHEREAS, After her husband passed away in 1974, Mrs.
23 Rodriguez took a job in private industry; over the course of two
24 decades, she served in various capacities and rose to the position

1 of administrator; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1999, Mrs. Rodriguez came out of retirement to
3 become community liaison for newly elected state representative
4 Rick Noriega, a post she held for 10 years; since Representative
5 Noriega's retirement from the legislature, she has worked as
6 community liaison in the offices of Representative Carol Alvarado
7 and Senator Mario Gallegos; and

8 WHEREAS, Following her second retirement, Mrs. Rodriguez
9 plans to live in Buda, where she will be close to two of her
10 children; she is looking forward to enjoying more time with her
11 cherished family, which now includes 13 grandchildren and 2
12 great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Sylvia Rodriguez has handled the responsibilities
14 of her office with unfailing skill, helpfulness, and integrity,
15 winning the admiration and affection of countless constituents, and
16 it is indeed a privilege to commend her on a job well done; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Sylvia G. Rodriguez on the occasion
20 of her retirement from her career with the Texas Legislature and
21 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness and
22 fulfillment in the next exciting chapter of her life; and, be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mrs. Rodriguez as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.

Alvarado

H.R. No. 2659

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2659 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House