

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 421

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing Sophia Perez DeLa'O on the grand occasion of her 102nd birthday; and

WHEREAS, This gracious lady is well known for her charm and generosity of spirit, and she is a revered resident of Austin; and

WHEREAS, Sophia Perez DeLa'O was born March 13, 1907, in Mexico and moved to Austin at the age of nine; she grew up in East Austin, and she and Nicholas Avila had three children, Josie, Fernando, and Joe Avila; and

WHEREAS, She later married Florentino DeLa'O, a baker, and the couple managed La Oriental Bakery in East Austin and also sold bread out of their house on East 9th Street; they had a daughter, Hilda DeLa'O, and together they raised the four children as a family; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. DeLa'O is a beloved and respected member of her community, and she is noted for her courage, her compassion for others, and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; and

WHEREAS, In honor of her birthday and the 80th birthday of her son Joe Avila, friends and family are joining them as they celebrate the occasion together on April 1, 2009, at Joe's Bakery and Coffee Shop; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize Sophia Perez DeLa'O as a treasured citizen of our state and extend to her best wishes for a memorable 102nd birthday; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 16, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate