SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 580

In Memory of Armandina Q. Cruz

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Laredo in mourning the loss of Armandina Q. Cruz, who died March 24, 2009, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Armandina Cruz was born July 4, 1925; an exemplary citizen, Mrs. Cruz was respected in her beloved Laredo community for her many accomplishments; she was married to the late Carlos H. Cruz; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cruz delighted in sharing her July 4th birthday with her country; she savored the fireworks and pageantry of the holiday, with her entire family contributing to the festivities; she was the proud mother of three children, Natalie, Carlos, and Armando; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cruz was a devout Catholic who practiced her faith in her daily life; she served as organist, pianist, and choir director for several Catholic churches throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, Known for her rigorous choir rehearsal regimen, Mrs. Cruz was much in demand for her services; her thoroughness and attention to detail led to exceptional performances from her various choirs; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cruz gave generously of her time and talent to churches and orphanages; her exceptional work at weddings, *quinceañeras*, and anniversaries bear witness to her talent and her love of music; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, Armandina Cruz gave generously to others, and her wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cruz was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and her family and many friends will continue to live with the cherished memories of her life and her many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Armandina Q. Cruz: her daughter, Natalie Dowd; her son, Armando G. Cruz; and her granddaughters, Monica and Ashley, and great-granddaughter, Alissa; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Armandina Q. Cruz.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 6, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate