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H.C.R. No. 33

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, State law stipulates in Section 2165.256,
2 Government Code, that a person specified in a concurrent resolution
3 adopted by the legislature is eligible for burial in the State
4 Cemetery if the State Cemetery Committee finds that the person has
5 made a significant contribution to Texas history and, based on that
6 finding, approves the person's burial; and

7 WHEREAS, Susana I. Aleman, who served as assistant dean for
8 student affairs at The University of Texas at Austin School of Law
9 for more than two decades, is a pioneering figure whose
10 professional achievements helped further the worthy ideal of equal
11 opportunity for all Texans, and her request for burial in the State
12 Cemetery merits approval by the committee; and

13 WHEREAS, A leader in the fields of education and law, Dean
14 Aleman became the first woman and first Hispanic to hold the post of
15 assistant dean for student affairs at the UT Austin School of Law
16 when she accepted the position in 1984; during her 21-year tenure,
17 she ably counseled thousands of law students on both academic and
18 personal matters, and her success in that role helped inspire other
19 minorities and women to seek a place in the ranks of senior
20 administration in both the public and private sectors; and

21 WHEREAS, Dean Aleman joined the staff of the law school
22 shortly after receiving her doctor of jurisprudence degree from UT
23 Austin; she also holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education
24 and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from UT Austin

1 as well as a master's degree in school administration from the
2 former Texas A&I University-Kingsville; in addition, she was the
3 valedictorian of the Class of 1972 at Falfurrias High School; and

4 WHEREAS, Dean Aleman's record of service to her state further
5 includes her work as a high school government teacher, student
6 mentor, and youth development director and as the University
7 Interscholastic League academic director in Brooks County;
8 moreover, she has contributed her time and expertise to such
9 organizations as the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas, the
10 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Texas Commission on Judicial
11 Efficiency; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2006, the Travis County Women Lawyers'
13 Association honored Dean Aleman as a Pathfinder, an award that
14 recognizes local women with law degrees who are role models and
15 trailblazers in the community; her numerous honors also include
16 recognition as an Outstanding Leader in 2000-2001 by the Hispanic
17 Faculty/Staff Association of UT Austin; and

18 WHEREAS, In light of her noteworthy contributions to the Lone
19 Star State, it is fitting that Susana I. Aleman be allowed to
20 designate the State Cemetery as her final resting place; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby authorize the burial of Susana I. Aleman in the State
24 Cemetery, provided that her application for assignment of burial
25 space is approved by the State Cemetery Commission as required by
26 law.