RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Attorney Susan C. Rocha of San Antonio passed away 2

on August 13, 2010, bringing a great loss to the nation's municipal

3 law community and to her loved ones; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Connie and Rudy Rocha, Ms. Rocha was 4

5 born in San Antonio on November 14, 1950; she earned a bachelor's

degree in secondary education from the University of Dayton in Ohio 6

and a master's degree in urban education from Chicago State 7

University before graduating from The University of Texas School of 8

9 Law; a former history and geography teacher, she began her career in

public service in 1985 as an assistant city attorney for San 10

11 Antonio, and she later served as senior intergovernmental relations

12 officer for the United States Department of Housing and Urban

Development; and 13

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14 WHEREAS, In 1989, Ms. Rocha became first assistant general counsel for the Texas Municipal League in Austin, where she 15 16 represented municipal interests through her work with the state legislature; at the request of the Texas attorney general she 17 18 created the first Office of Municipal Affairs to represent the interests of Texas cities; in 1995, she established a very 19 20 successful practice as a city attorney representing cities across 21 the Lone Star State in governmental issues; a partner in the firm of Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal, P.C., she most recently served as 22 23 city attorney for Buda, Cibolo, Roma, and San Felipe, and as general

the course

counsel to myriad public entities; over

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- 1 quarter-century, she represented the interests of numerous
- 2 governmental bodies and advised hundreds of public officials and
- 3 their staffs; and
- WHEREAS, Sharing her vast knowledge and expertise, Ms. Rocha
- 5 taught at St. Mary's Law School and served on the program faculty
- 6 for The University of Texas Land Use Planning Law Conferences;
- 7 moreover, she was a regular contributor to the continuing legal
- 8 education programs of The University of Texas and the State Bar of
- 9 Texas and spoke frequently at seminars and meetings of the Texas
- 10 City Attorneys Association, the Texas Municipal League, and other
- 11 organizations; and
- 12 WHEREAS, This dynamic professional served as president of the
- 13 Texas City Attorneys Association and of the International Municipal
- 14 Lawyers Association; the IMLA named her a local government fellow,
- 15 and she was a respected mentor to innumerable municipal lawyers
- 16 across the country; vibrant, witty, and caring, she made a positive
- 17 difference in many lives through her friendship as well as her
- 18 leadership; her passions included politics, the arts, culture, and
- 19 literature, and in her leisure time, she enjoyed hunting, fishing,
- 20 and travel; the proud aunt of nine nieces and nephews, she also took
- 21 an interest in the children of her friends and colleagues and
- 22 delighted them with her exuberance and wonderful sense of humor;
- 23 and
- 24 WHEREAS, Those who were privileged to know Susan Rocha will
- 25 forever treasure their memories of time spent in her company, and
- 26 her wisdom and dedication will remain a source of inspiration for
- 27 years to come; now, therefore, be it

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- 1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Susan C. Rocha and
- 3 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her mother,
- 4 Connie Rocha; to her sisters, Angela Rocha and Martie Enriquez and
- 5 her husband, Bob; to her brothers, John Rocha and Tom Rocha and his
- 6 wife, Leesa; to her nieces and nephews, Sarah, Kati, and Morgan
- 7 Williams, Andrea, Vincent, and Michael Enriquez, and Eli, Luke, and
- 8 Erin Rocha; and to her many other relatives and friends; and, be it
- 9 further
- 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 11 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
- 12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Susan C.
- 13 Rocha.

Martinez Fischer

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	Speaker of the House
I certify that H.R. No. 2092 was	s unanimously adopted by a rising
rote of the House on May 19, 2011.	
	Chief Clerk of the House