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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4           WHEREAS, The daughter of Connie and Rudy Rocha, Ms. Rocha was  
5 born in San Antonio on November 14, 1950; she earned a bachelor's  
6 degree in secondary education from the University of Dayton in Ohio  
7 and a master's degree in urban education from Chicago State  
8 University before graduating from The University of Texas School of  
9 Law; a former history and geography teacher, she began her career in  
10 public service in 1985 as an assistant city attorney for San  
11 Antonio, and she later served as senior intergovernmental relations  
12 officer for the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
13 Development; and

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

1 quarter-century, she represented the interests of numerous  
2 governmental bodies and advised hundreds of public officials and  
3 their staffs; and

4 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

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.