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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 95th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed
2 cause for celebration, and Amanda Carmona Rodriguez of Weslaco is
3 reaching that impressive milestone on August 25, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in General Trevino, Mexico, to Guadalupe and
5 Maria de los Angeles Carmona in 1918, Mrs. Rodriguez lost her mother
6 when she was 18 months old, and she was raised in the United States
7 by her maternal grandparents and her aunt; growing up in a family of
8 farm workers, she faced challenges pursuing her education, but even
9 so, this determined and resourceful woman taught herself to read
10 and write; and

11 WHEREAS, Amanda and Alejandro P. Rodriguez were joined in
12 matrimony in Weslaco in 1942, and they shared a loving life together
13 for nearly half a century, until his passing in 1991; the couple
14 became the parents of three treasured children, Hercilia Rodriguez
15 Garza, Erma Rodriguez Campos, and Elia Rodriguez Pena; and

16 WHEREAS, In later life, Mrs. Rodriguez has seen her family
17 grow to include eight grandchildren, Danny Garza, Jr., Eileen Garza
18 Trevino, Steven Garza, Lucas Garza, Amanda Campos McCrory, Noel
19 Alexander Campos, Rene Elizondo, Jr., and Rhonda Elizondo Luke, and
20 14 great-grandchildren, Michael Ward, Marisa Garza, Tony Garza,
21 Isabella Garza, Ben Garza, Nora Garza, Ava Garza, Parker McDowell,
22 Jaron McDowell, Rene Elizondo III, Ramsey Elizondo, Jacob Elizondo,
23 Amanda Luke, and Odin Luke; most recently, she has become the proud
24 great-great-grandmother of Caleb Elizondo and Casey Elizondo; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rodriguez has devoted her life to her family
2 and her church; during her children's years at St. Joan of Arc
3 School in Weslaco, she played an active role in the mother's club,
4 helping to prepare the first Friday communion breakfasts and the
5 Wednesday hamburger lunches; she also helped make tamales to raise
6 money for the church, and she was a valued member of the Vela
7 Perpetua association; today, she takes delight in corresponding
8 with her friends and family and working on quilts; and

9 WHEREAS, Blessed with the affection of a host of loved ones
10 and sustained by her strong faith, Amanda Rodriguez continues to
11 enrich the lives of all who are fortunate enough to know her; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
14 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Amanda
15 Carmona Rodriguez on her 95th birthday and extend to her sincere
16 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mrs. Rodriguez as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.