

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Friends and fans of Tejano legend Laura Canales were
2 deeply saddened by her untimely passing on April 16, 2005, at the
3 age of 50; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 19, 1954, in Kingsville, Ms. Canales
5 was inspired to pursue a career in music by her choral director at
6 H. M. King High School; although few women performed in the Tejano
7 arena at the time, she made her recording debut with Los Unicos in
8 1973, the same year of her high school graduation; she later
9 performed with El Conjunto Bernal, Snowball & Company, and Encanto,
10 and among her many hits were *Eternamente*, *O Gran Dios*, *Cinco Canas*
11 *Mas*, and *Si Vivi Contigo*; an album released in 1977 ranked 10th on
12 Billboard's "Hot Latin" chart, and her 1990 record, *No Regrets*,
13 remained on the charts for 13 weeks; and

14 WHEREAS, Much of this talented Texan's popularity derived
15 from her rich and supple singing voice; known for delivering a
16 soulful punch to her polkas, rancheras, and ballads, she won
17 numerous Tejano Music Awards for Best Female Vocalist and Best
18 Female Entertainer in the 1980s, and in 1983 Governor Mark White
19 presented her with a "Yellow Rose of Texas" award; recognized for
20 her loyalty to her roots while many other Tejano artists crossed
21 over to English-language pop, she was included in the first class of
22 inductees in the Tejano Roots Hall of Fame in 2000; and

23 WHEREAS, Fun-loving and easygoing, Ms. Canales nevertheless
24 was determined to continue her education and some 20 years after her

1 high school graduation, she enrolled in courses at Texas A&M
2 University--Kingsville; after earning her undergraduate degree in
3 clinical psychology, she had begun working on her master's degree
4 when she became ill; and

5 WHEREAS, Known as "La Reina de la Onda Tejana," or "the Queen
6 of the Tejano Wave," Laura Canales is credited with breaking gender
7 barriers and opening doors for such artists as Selena, Jennifer
8 Pena, and Shelly Lares; this gifted and beloved daughter of South
9 Texas is truly missed, and the achievements of the First Lady of
10 Tejano ensure that she will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Laura Canales on April
14 16, 2013, the eighth anniversary of her death.

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Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 91

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 91 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 18, 2013.

Chief Clerk of the House