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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Petra Valdez of Robstown is retiring as the owner of
2 the Ideal Beauty Shop after 60 years of dedicated service to her
3 clientele; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Valdez took up her vocation after attending
5 beauty school in Corpus Christi; her self-confidence sometimes put
6 her at odds with demanding instructors, but she quickly won the
7 affection of her classmates with her generous nature and the aid of
8 a few lunchtime soft drinks; after being refused a job at four
9 salons in Robstown, the determined 17-year-old started Ideal Beauty
10 Shop with a bank loan in 1952; and

11 WHEREAS, The new business thrived under her guidance, and
12 through the years it has become a cherished gathering spot for
13 customers, friends, and family; working closely with fellow
14 stylists Emma Vasquez and Carmen Ramos, Mrs. Valdez has created a
15 homelike atmosphere at the shop, warmly greeting patrons who gather
16 to play games and share stories amid the bustle of styling and
17 cutting at this downtown landmark; and

18 WHEREAS, Highly skilled as well as personable, Mrs. Valdez is
19 renowned for her work; her devoted clients praise her abilities,
20 and many out-of-town customers would put off haircuts until they
21 could get to Robstown to visit the adept scissors being wielded at
22 the Ideal Beauty Shop; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Valdez may indeed look forward to a rewarding
24 retirement as she begins this exciting new chapter in her life; in

1 1982, she was reacquainted with her high school sweetheart, and two
2 years later she and Joe Valdez were married; with her husband and a
3 wealth of friends to keep her company, the days ahead are certain to
4 remain busy and bright for this beloved lady; and

5 WHEREAS, For six decades, Petra Valdez has helped to keep
6 Robstown beautiful, and she may take justifiable pride in her
7 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Petra Valdez for her successful
10 operation of the Ideal Beauty Shop for 60 years and extend to her
11 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mrs. Valdez as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.