## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories of Nellie Marie Poncho Sylestine of Livingston, who passed away on April 20, 2013, at the age of 63; and

WHEREAS, Born on the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation on November 20, 1949, the former Nellie Poncho was the daughter of Raymond and Nettie Poncho; an accomplished craftsperson, she was known for her beautiful pottery, basketry, and beadwork; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sylestine found a life partner in her husband, Lowell Sylestine, and the couple were blessed with four children, Grayson, Vanessa, Felicia, and Kerrie; Mrs. Sylestine also served as an enduring source of inspiration and wisdom to her 10 grandchildren and to her great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Sylestine lived a rich and purposeful life, and she will be remembered with admiration and affection by all those who had the good fortune to know her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Nellie Marie Poncho Sylestine and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her children, Grayson Williams, Vanessa Williams, Felicia Littlecreek and her husband, Matt, and Kerrie Sylestine and her husband, Dustyn; to her grandchildren, Taino Williams, Ashley, Gregory, Alannah, and Dwight Battise, Clancy and Matty Littlecreek, and Lenayah, Aionna, and Kamea Moreno; to her great-grandchild, Yaheira Battise; to her siblings, Anna Lou Obe, Sharon Morris,

1 Jennifer Poncho, Melinda Sylestine and her husband, Don, Roland 2 Poncho and his wife, Delores, and Rodney Poncho; and to her many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Nellie Marie Poncho Sylestine.

