

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 854

In Memory
of
Cruz Reyna Avelar

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and pays tribute to the life of Cruz Reyna Avelar, who died April 4, 2013, at the age of 95; and

WHEREAS, This beloved mother and grandmother was deeply respected by her family and friends; they admired her passion for travel and professional sports, her commitment to her children, and her devotion to the Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio on May 3, 1917, to Manuel and Lucita Reyna, Cruz grew up to be very active in her community; she played a vital role in fund-raising for the construction of Saint Agnes Catholic Church, and with her late husband, Rudolph Avelar, she also helped to raise funds to construct Sacred Heart Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Cruz Avelar retired from San Antonio College Child Development Center in 1984; she was the cook for the center and was known to all the children as "Mrs. Cruz"; and

WHEREAS, She was an enthusiastic supporter of the city's Fiesta celebration, and she thoroughly enjoyed attending San Antonio Spurs, Texas Longhorns, and Houston Texans games; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Avelar had great enthusiasm for life, and her warmth, wit, and wisdom will long be celebrated and honored by her family and her many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Cruz Reyna Avelar; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Cruz Avelar.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate