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H.R. No. 379

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The people of San Antonio lost a beloved, longtime
2 civic leader with the passing of Elvira Cisneros on November 22,
3 2014, at the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on July 11, 1924, in Puebla, Mexico, the former
5 Elvira Munguia was the daughter of political activists Romulo and
6 Carolina Munguia; her family immigrated to the United States when
7 she was two years old, settling in San Antonio's Prospect Hill
8 neighborhood, where they soon became business and community
9 leaders; after graduating from Jefferson High School, Elvira
10 Munguia attended The University of Texas at Austin before returning
11 to San Antonio in 1942 to help out in the family print shop while her
12 brothers served in World War II; she continued her education at
13 Draughon's Business College and later took a position at Frost
14 Bank; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1945, Elvira Munguia married George Cisneros, a
16 veteran from Colorado, after a whirlwind courtship; they became the
17 proud parents of five beloved children, each of whom has
18 contributed to society either through public service or through
19 other professional endeavors; and

20 WHEREAS, While her family always came first in her life,
21 Mrs. Cisneros also devoted her time and energy to many
22 philanthropic organizations; she advised the Alamo Area Council of
23 Governments on issues related to seniors and served on the boards of
24 the Avenida Guadalupe Association, AVANCE, and Project Learn to

1 Read; after her husband's stroke, she aided him in establishing the
2 San Antonio Stroke Club and in performing his duties as the national
3 spokesperson on strokes for Easter Seals; in addition, she was a
4 devout congregant of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the
5 Little Flower; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cisneros received numerous accolades for her
7 service to the community, including the Alexis de Tocqueville
8 Society Centennial Award, which was presented to her by President
9 Gerald Ford on behalf of the United Way, and a medal from President
10 Ronald Reagan for her work with Easter Seals; in 1991, she was
11 inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame in recognition of
12 her outstanding civic leadership, and WellMed named the Elvira
13 Cisneros Senior Community Center in her honor in 2009; and

14 WHEREAS, Through her myriad endeavors, Elvira Cisneros
15 contributed to building a more inclusive, caring, and vibrant
16 community, and those who were privileged to share in her love and
17 affection will forever hold her close in their hearts; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Elvira Cisneros and
21 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
22 children, the Honorable Henry Cisneros and his wife, Mary Alice,
23 Pauline Cisneros, George Cisneros and his wife, Catherine, Tim
24 Cisneros and his wife, Karla, and Christine Corser and her husband,
25 Tom; to her grandchildren, Teresa Burton and her husband, Sean,
26 Mercedes Badger and her husband, Brad, John Paul Cisneros, Antonio
27 Cisneros, Jacqueline Muncy and her husband, Chris, Charlotte

1 Cisneros, David Cisneros, Peter Corser and his wife, Nicole, and
2 Mark Corser; to her great-grandchildren, Russell Burton, Grace
3 Burton, Natalia Badger, and Karina Badger; and to her other
4 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Elvira
8 Cisneros.