

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Celia Avila of Edinburg, who passed away on January 29, 2015, at
4 the age of 54; and

5 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of her hometown, the former
6 Celia Salinas graduated from Edinburg High School in 1979 and went
7 on to attend The University of Texas--Pan American, where she
8 earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1983; she married
9 the love of her life, Jorge Avila, in 1986, and the couple enjoyed
10 28 years together and raised two daughters, Amanda and Anyssa; and

11 WHEREAS, After working as a probation officer, Ms. Avila
12 joined the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District in
13 1988 while pursuing her alternative teaching certification; she
14 subsequently became a teacher at Trevino Elementary, and in 2004
15 she returned to UT--Pan American to attain a master's degree in
16 education; she then worked as a curriculum assistant at Freddy
17 Gonzalez Elementary before becoming principal of Truman
18 Elementary; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout her quarter-century career with ECISD,
20 Ms. Avila was dedicated to enriching educational and
21 extracurricular opportunities for students; while teaching at
22 Trevino Elementary, she organized a chess club, UIL club, and dance
23 team, and she also assisted a colleague with the Edinburg North High
24 School Golden Spurs drill team; as a principal, she worked to

1 improve her school's overall performance on state assessment tests
2 and to ensure that parents became more involved in the academic
3 journeys of their children; she was also an active member of the
4 Catholic Church, especially with the youth at Capilla San Jose in La
5 Hielera; and

6 WHEREAS, The passion and generosity of spirit that Celia
7 Avila brought to every endeavor endeared her deeply to all who knew
8 her, and she will be forever treasured by those who were blessed to
9 share in her love and affection; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Celia Avila and
12 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
13 husband, Jorge Avila; to her daughters, Amanda Avila and Anyssa
14 Avila and her significant other, Misael De Leon Jr.; to her parents,
15 Donato and Francisca Salinas; to her siblings, Donato Salinas Jr.
16 and his wife, Edith, Susie Mercado and her husband, Joe, Sylvia
17 Salinas, Yolanda Granados, and Inez Salinas; and to her many other
18 relatives and friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Celia
22 Avila.

Canales

Straus	González	Paddie
Allen	Guerra	Parker
Alonzo	Guillen	Paul
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Peña
Anchia	Harless	Phelan
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phillips
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Pickett
Ashby	Howard	Price
Aycock	Huberty	Raney
Bell	Hughes	Raymond
Bernal	Hunter	Reynolds
Blanco	Isaac	Riddle
Bohac	Israel	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Keffer	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Keough	Rose
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Button	King of Parker	Schaefer
Canales	King of Taylor	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schubert
Clardy	Klick	Shaheen
Coleman	Koop	Sheets
Collier	Krause	Sheffield
Cook	Kuempel	Simmons
Craddick	Landgraf	Simpson
Crownover	Larson	Smith
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smithee
Dale	Leach	Spitzer
Darby	Longoria	Springer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Stephenson
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stickland
Deshotel	Márquez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Harris
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Tinderholt
Elkins	McClendon	Turner of Collin
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farias	Miles	VanDeaver
Farney	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Fletcher	Moody	Walle
Flynn	Morrison	White of Bell
Frank	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Frullo	Murphy	Workman
Galindo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Naishtat	Wu
Giddings	Nevárez	Zedler
Goldman	Oliveira	Zerwas
Gonzales	Otto	

H.R. No. 900

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 900 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 19, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House