

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A radiant and meaningful life drew to a close far too
2 soon with the passing of Diana Maria Solis-Zavala of Austin, on
3 January 6, 2015, at the age of 35; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Solis-Zavala was born in Plainview on August 2,
5 1979, and grew up in the Fabens and El Paso areas; before her 20th
6 birthday, she was diagnosed with advanced ovarian cancer, and she
7 bravely endured several major surgeries and cycles of chemotherapy
8 in her campaign to halt the spread of the disease; refusing to give
9 up hope despite the grim prognosis she was given, she drew strength
10 from her loving family, whose efforts to rally support for her
11 treatment helped her to live well beyond her doctor's prediction;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The trials that Ms. Solis-Zavala faced never dimmed
14 her compassion for others; moved by the care she received from
15 nurses and medical staff, she committed herself to returning that
16 kindness by becoming a nurse; although her illness and treatment
17 regimen continued to take an exacting toll, she overcame those odds
18 to earn certification as both a vocational and registered nurse,
19 and she went on to tend to the well-being of her patients with
20 warmth and genuine empathy; and

21 WHEREAS, In search of the new experiences that an unfamiliar
22 city would offer, Ms. Solis-Zavala eventually moved to Austin; her
23 encounters with patients there motivated her to form an
24 organization centered on fostering awareness of ovarian cancer, a

1 disease that too often goes misdiagnosed or undetected until it has
2 progressed to an incurable stage; the establishment of Diana's I
3 Will Live Foundation in 2012 was the culmination of a dream for this
4 caring advocate, who traveled across the state to speak about her
5 cause and to promote education, particularly in underserved areas,
6 that could save lives; the foundation held its first major
7 fund-raiser, a 5K run in El Paso, in September 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, During her life's journey, Ms. Solis-Zavala found a
9 devoted partner in her husband, Martin Zavala, and she was
10 sustained by her faith, which provided a guiding light for her
11 throughout her many challenges; and

12 WHEREAS, Diana Solis-Zavala made it her personal creed to
13 celebrate each day and to use the limited time she had to reach out
14 to others who lacked the support with which she was so richly
15 blessed; her grace and courage were an inspiration to countless
16 people, and though her presence is gone from us now, she will live
17 on forever in the achievements she realized and in the cherished
18 memories she leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Diana Maria
21 Solis-Zavala and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of her
22 family: to her husband, Martin Zavala; to her parents, Trinidad and
23 Ofelia Solis; to her siblings, Lourdes Holguin, Jose Solis,
24 Patricia Gonzalez, and Virginia Solis-Cera; and to all who have
25 mourned the loss of this treasured woman; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Diana Maria
2 Solis-Zavala.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1402 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 9, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House