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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Amelia Ramirez Canales on February 27, 2015, at the age  
3 of 89; and

4           WHEREAS, Descended from one of the founding families of  
5 Hebbronville, the former Amelia Ramirez was born there on October  
6 4, 1925, to Amelia Barrera-Guerra and Rafael Ramirez; as a  
7 teenager, she was the head cheerleader at Hebbronville High School  
8 and the salutatorian of her graduating class; and

9           WHEREAS, She continued her education at Incarnate Word  
10 College in San Antonio, where she became a Phi Beta Kappa member,  
11 and it was during this time that she met Gregorio M. Canales; the  
12 pair soon married and ultimately settled in San Antonio and became  
13 the proud parents of seven children, Gregorio, Maria, Francine,  
14 Amelia, Luis, Mapi, and Cristina; and

15           WHEREAS, Mrs. Canales enjoyed volunteering her time and  
16 talents to benefit such organizations as the San Antonio Women's  
17 Pavilion at HemisFair Park and the Mexican American Cultural  
18 Center; inspired by the diverse lands, customs, and people of South  
19 Texas, she wrote bilingual poetry that became part of the San  
20 Antonio ISD and Edgewood ISD language and literature programs, and  
21 she was a founding member of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de  
22 México extension program in San Antonio; she was also involved with  
23 the Light One Candle Education and Endowment Funds, which were set  
24 up in memory of her late husband in 1993; and

1           WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Amelia Canales  
2 will remember her light and laughter, and the way she touched their  
3 lives with her kindness and generosity, and she will forever hold a  
4 treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Amelia Ramirez  
7 Canales and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to  
8 her children, Francine Garza-Vale and her husband, Dr. Arnulfo  
9 Garza-Vale, Amelia Rosario Sondgeroth and her husband, Jim, Luis  
10 Felipe Canales and his wife, Hillary, Maria del Pilar "Mapi" Helm,  
11 and Cristina Maria Canales; to her daughter-in-law, Josie Canales;  
12 to her grandchildren, Nicole Zoli and her husband, Guido, Andrea  
13 Teresa Maaseide and her husband, Steve, Anthony Garza-Vale,  
14 Francisco Sondgeroth and his wife, Jordan, Erica Sondgeroth,  
15 Angelica Fruin and her husband, Scott, Sonya Gil and her husband,  
16 Aaron, Monica Canales, Rebecca and Alex Helm, and Katie Canales; to  
17 her great-grandchildren, Michael, Ellie, and Mia Maaseide, Alessio  
18 and Giacomo Zoli, Malik Canales-Turner, Magnum and Amelia Mandalay  
19 Fruin, Amado Canales-Salazar, Antonio Canales, Mythius and Harmony  
20 Lopez, and Joseph and Jacob Sondgeroth; and to her other relatives  
21 and friends; and, be it further

22           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Amelia  
25 Ramirez Canales.