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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A devoted couple whose lives were enhanced by a  
2 great and enduring love, Helen and Manuel Chapa left this world only  
3 nine days apart after 72 rewarding years together; and

4 WHEREAS, Residents of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Chapa  
5 raised a loving family that included their children, Mary, Edward,  
6 Manuel, and Susie, and they were further blessed with the affection  
7 of 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 2  
8 great-great-grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Helen Chapa was born on August 18, 1927, in  
10 Brownsville to Audelio Olivares and Susana Garza; kind and  
11 compassionate, she worked as a nurse at Memorial Hospital in  
12 addition to caring for her loved ones; she passed away on April 1,  
13 2015, at the age of 87; and

14 WHEREAS, Born on October 30, 1923, Manuel Chapa served his  
15 country in the United States Army during World War II and went on to  
16 forge a successful career as an 18-wheeler driver and instructor;  
17 he found fulfillment in providing for his growing family, and he  
18 served as a role model to them by abiding by his two guiding  
19 principles, to never judge others and to always help those in need;  
20 Mr. Chapa passed away on April 10, 2015, at the age of 91; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout their seven decades of marriage, Mr. and  
22 Mrs. Chapa set an inspiring example of dedication to their family  
23 and to each other, and they will forever be remembered with  
24 tenderness and admiration; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the lives of Manuel and Helen  
3 Chapa and extend sincere condolences to the members of their  
4 family: to their children, Mary Helen Beck and her husband, Terry,  
5 Edward Chapa and his wife, Vivian, and Manuel Chapa Jr. and his  
6 wife, Tamy; to their grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and  
7 great-great-grandchildren; to Mrs. Chapa's siblings, Eddie  
8 Olivares and his wife, Emilie, Rosemarie Torres and her husband,  
9 Tony, Alice Scott and her husband, Robert, Cecilia Wood, and Rudy  
10 Olivares; and to their other relatives and friends; and, be it  
11 further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for their family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Helen and  
15 Manuel Chapa.