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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Area residents gathered together at the Keach Family
2 Library in Robstown on April 15, 2015, to witness the dedication of
3 a room honoring Betty Jean Longoria, a former member of the Nueces
4 County Commissioners Court; and

5 WHEREAS, Assuming her post in 2002, Ms. Longoria was the
6 first elected Hispanic woman to serve on the court since its
7 establishment; she was returned to office for a second term in 2006,
8 and as the commissioner for Precinct Two, she worked diligently to
9 represent the interests of her constituents in Agua Dulce,
10 Petronila, Banquete, Bishop, and western Corpus Christi; among her
11 most significant achievements as commissioner was her contribution
12 to the establishment of the Coastal Bend Veterans Cemetery, which
13 was the culmination of some six years of planning and coordination
14 on her part; and

15 WHEREAS, Before taking her place on the court, Ms. Longoria
16 was the first Hispanic woman elected to the Corpus Christi City
17 Council, where she served for 10 years, and she became the first
18 Hispanic woman on the board of trustees for the Tuloso-Midway
19 Independent School District, spending six years in that position;
20 she has been a passionate advocate of education and has served as a
21 student mentor at several area schools; and

22 WHEREAS, Deeply engaged in her community, Commissioner
23 Longoria has generously given of her time as a board member of the
24 National Conference for Community and Justice, Goodwill Industries

1 of South Texas, the Westside Business Association, the Nueces
2 County Community Action Agency, the Hispanic Women's Network of
3 Texas, and the Corpus Christi and Corpus Christi Hispanic Chambers
4 of Commerce; more recently, this distinguished woman has been
5 active on the boards of the South Texas Botanical Gardens, Big
6 Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas, the Friends of the Corpus
7 Christi Public Libraries, and the South Texas Institute for the
8 Arts; and

9 WHEREAS, Commissioner Longoria has earned awards and
10 recognitions from such notable civic organizations as the Hispanic
11 Women's Network, the Westside Business Association, the National
12 Conference for Community and Justice, the Corpus Christi Hispanic
13 Chamber of Commerce, and Leadership Corpus Christi; and

14 WHEREAS, A native of Corpus Christi, Ms. Longoria graduated
15 from Roy Miller High School; for more than three decades, she and
16 her husband, Alfredo Longoria Jr., owned and operated L&M
17 Fabricators, and she also ran her own business as an independent
18 landman for 16 years; she and Mr. Longoria are the parents of four
19 sons, Alfred Joe, Michael, Stephen, and Paul, and are parishioners
20 at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church; and

21 WHEREAS, Betty Jean Longoria's dedication and dynamic
22 leadership have made a profound difference in the community she
23 calls home, and she is indeed deserving of recognition for her
24 myriad contributions to Nueces County; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
26 Legislature hereby commend Betty Jean Longoria for her exemplary
27 career in public service and commemorate the dedication of the

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1 Betty Jean Longoria Multipurpose Room at the Nueces County Keach
2 Family Library; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Commissioner Longoria as an expression of high regard
5 by the Texas House of Representatives.