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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
- 2 passing of Maria Gutierrez Arevalo of Robstown on July 15, 2017, at
- 3 the age of 85; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Maria Arevalo was born in Three Rivers on October
- 5 19, 1931; despite lacking a formal education, she helped provide
- 6 for her family through her employment as a farm laborer and at a
- 7 migrant school day-care center; she also worked for the VISTA
- 8 national service program, through which she helped initiate the
- 9 first Meals on Wheels program in Robstown; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Arevalo's passion for politics made her a
- 11 well-known and well-respected figure in her community; she was
- 12 called upon to share her ideas and insights at many a political
- 13 rally, forging a reputation as a champion for the underdog as she
- 14 strove to improve the quality of life in Robstown; in her free time,
- 15 she enjoyed singing, sewing, and chatting with friends and family,
- 16 and she was happy to feed any visitor who came through her door; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mrs. Arevalo cherished her loved
- 18 ones; she was a devoted wife to her husband, the late Juan
- 19 B. Arevalo, and the proud mother of five sons, Jesus, Abraham,
- 20 Francisco, Juan, and Adan, and eight daughters, Viviana, Andrea,
- 21 Mary, Elsie, Alice, Linda, Veronica, and Lolly; and
- WHEREAS, A woman of exceptional wisdom, courage, and warmth,
- 23 Maria Arevalo is deeply missed, and she will forever be remembered
- 24 with great admiration and affection by all who held her close to

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- 1 their hearts; now, therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 3 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
- 4 of Maria Gutierrez Arevalo and extend heartfelt sympathy to her
- 5 relatives and many friends; and, be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
- 8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Maria
- 9 Arevalo.