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H.R. No. 212

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their  
2 memories of Silvina Solis Hinojosa of La Grulla, who died on May 15,  
3 2017, at the age of 92; and

4           WHEREAS, Silvina Solis was born in La Grulla on December 8,  
5 1924, to Juan and Dolores Solis, and she graduated from Rio Grande  
6 City High School in 1942; she was joined in matrimony to Isidro  
7 Hinojosa, and the couple became the devoted parents of five  
8 children, Isidro, Alma, Ricardo, Linda, and Jose; later in life,  
9 she was blessed with eight grandchildren and five  
10 great-grandchildren; and

11           WHEREAS, Mrs. Hinojosa aspired to become a teacher from a  
12 young age and earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in  
13 education from The University of Texas--Pan American; she taught  
14 for the La Joya Independent School District for 28 years, during  
15 which time she was named the 1972 Teacher of the Year, and then  
16 spent another 10 years as an administrator; and

17           WHEREAS, Over the course of her career, Mrs. Hinojosa headed  
18 the remedial reading department, coached University  
19 Interscholastic League teams, organized the district's first  
20 junior high school student council, directed the ESAA program, and  
21 led the GED program; after retiring in 1985, she returned to serve  
22 both La Joya ISD and Hidalgo ISD as a parental involvement  
23 consultant; she also served on the Rio Grande City Consolidated ISD  
24 school board from 1998 to 2011, and during her tenure she was

1 instrumental in the reestablishment of a high school in La Grulla;  
2 and

3         WHEREAS, A woman of strong religious faith, Mrs. Hinojosa  
4 donated land in La Victoria for the construction of Christo Rey  
5 Catholic Church, and she was active in the life of Holy Family  
6 Catholic Church in La Grulla, where she served for a number of years  
7 on the parish council; deeply engaged in her community, she also  
8 advised the USDA Farm Service Agency of Starr County and served on  
9 the boards of the Starr County appraisal district and hospital  
10 district; while leading the latter board as president, she oversaw  
11 the introduction of ambulance service in rural areas and the  
12 establishment of a school to train licensed vocational nurses; and

13         WHEREAS, A devoted wife, a loving mother and grandmother, and  
14 an inspiring educator, Silvina Hinojosa lived a rich and purposeful  
15 life, and her example of service to others will continue to inspire  
16 all those who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

17         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
18 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
19 of Silvina Solis Hinojosa and extend heartfelt sympathy to her  
20 family and many friends; and, be it further

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