

By: King of Uvalde

H.R. No. 848

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may help
2 comfort the family and friends of Dr. Rosemarie Rivera Garza of
3 Uvalde, who passed away on January 9, 2017, at the age of 61; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on February 13, 1955, to Virgilio and Marcela
5 Rivera, the former Rosemarie Rivera was a native of San Teodoro on
6 the island of Mindoro in the Philippines; she grew up in Manila and
7 graduated as a registered nurse in 1976, and two years later, she
8 immigrated to the United States, settling first in the Rio Grande
9 Valley in South Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, In her work as a nurse, clinical educator, and
11 nursing instructor, Dr. Rosemarie Garza dedicated her life to the
12 care of others; she remained committed to her profession even while
13 fighting a long battle with cancer, and she later added to her two
14 master's degrees by completing a Ph.D. in 2014; among her many
15 notable achievements was the implementation of the community health
16 worker program at Uvalde Memorial Hospital, which she oversaw until
17 her death, and she also took on a leadership role in the hospital as
18 an intensive care unit director; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Rosemarie Garza found time to give back to her
20 community through her volunteer work with such organizations as the
21 Catholic Women's Society and the St. Henry de Osso Family Project,
22 and she was appointed by Governor George W. Bush to the Rural Health
23 Advisory Board; she was a faithful member of Sacred Heart Catholic
24 Church, where she served as a lector, a Eucharistic minister, and a

1 vocal guitarist in the choir and was deeply loved by her fellow
2 congregants; and

3 WHEREAS, Above all else, Dr. Rosemarie Garza was devoted to
4 her family, including her husband, Dr. R. Steve Garza, whom she
5 married in 1981, and their two daughters, Kimberly Rose and Lindsay
6 Marie; she also delighted in gathering for holidays and vacations
7 with her brothers Virgilio Jr. and Joel and sisters Dorothy,
8 Leslie, and Maria, as well as her countless nieces, nephews, and
9 in-laws; and

10 WHEREAS, A caring and gracious woman, Dr. Rosemarie Garza
11 will be greatly missed, and she leaves behind a legacy that will
12 forever be treasured by all those who shared in her love and
13 affection; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Rosemarie
16 Rivera Garza and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn her
17 passing; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of
21 Dr. Rosemarie Rivera Garza.