

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Myriam Silvana Chavez of Houston on March 4, 2017, at the  
3 age of 51; and

4           WHEREAS, The daughter of Dora Arellano de Saenz and Guillermo  
5 Saenz, Myriam Chavez was born on August 1, 1965, in Quito, Ecuador,  
6 where she grew up with the companionship of her brothers, Carlos and  
7 Diego, and attended school at Santo Domingo de Guzman and La  
8 Inmaculada de Quito; she began working as a computer programmer for  
9 the national oil company, Petroecuador, and there, she met her  
10 husband and the love of her life, Jaime Chavez; in 1990, the couple  
11 moved to Houston, and they subsequently welcomed a daughter,  
12 Catherine, and a son, Sebastian, into their family; and

13           WHEREAS, Embarking on a rewarding career in the nonprofit  
14 sector, Ms. Chavez worked as an accountant at Foundation for Life  
15 before holding positions with the Holy Name Passionist Retreat  
16 Center and the Fort Bend Independent School District; in 2010, she  
17 returned to Foundation for Life to serve as business manager, and  
18 she tirelessly devoted herself to the organization's mission of  
19 supporting pregnant women and unborn children; and

20           WHEREAS, Ms. Chavez also dedicated herself to the fight  
21 against breast cancer, an undertaking that had a profoundly  
22 personal meaning for her as she valiantly battled the disease in the  
23 final years of her life; sustained by her deep and abiding faith,  
24 she was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America and was active

1 in numerous church organizations; and

2 WHEREAS, Though her time on this earth was far too brief,  
3 Myriam Chavez created an inspiring legacy of generosity and  
4 courage, and those who were fortunate enough to share in her  
5 friendship will forever cherish their memories of this kind and  
6 caring woman; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Myriam Silvana  
9 Chavez and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn her passing;  
10 and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Myriam  
14 Chavez.

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H.R. No. 2708

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2708 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 29, 2017.

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Chief Clerk of the House