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H.R. No. 1128

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of esteemed educator Carmela C. Cárdenas of Weslaco on
3 March 29, 2019, at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Arturo García and Elvira Caballero
5 García, the former Carmela García was born in Mercedes on December
6 8, 1942, and grew up with three siblings, Norma, Elvira, and Noel;
7 after graduating from Pan American College, she taught second-grade
8 ESL in the Weslaco Independent School District and earned master's
9 degrees in bilingual education and in administration and
10 supervision; she then returned to her hometown and taught
11 kindergarten before becoming vice principal of West Elementary
12 School; following her retirement in 2000, she was active in the Rio
13 Grande Valley Retired Teachers Association; she was also a chapter
14 leader for the Texas State Teachers Association and advocated for
15 better benefits and pay for her profession; in addition, she
16 volunteered for many years at Knapp Medical Center and the Weslaco
17 Museum; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Cárdenas married Rubén Cárdenas on October 20,
19 1962, and became the devoted mother of four sons, Rubén, Noel,
20 Michael, and Jorge, who grew up enjoying her marvelous cooking,
21 including such specialties as carne guisada, chili, fideo, and
22 calabaza con pollo; she took them on trips all over the country
23 during summer vacation, and she also enjoyed traveling with her
24 husband and her sisters; through the years, she was blessed with

1 eight grandchildren, Samantha, Jordan, Andrew, Kristian, Noah,
2 Lauren, Jonah, and Alizée; she was a devout Catholic and dedicated
3 countless hours to good works and prayer with the Cenacle Sisters
4 and a number of faith groups; and

5 WHEREAS, Carmela Cárdenas lived a life that was rich in
6 family, friends, and meaningful service, and those who were
7 privileged to share in her love and affection will forever hold her
8 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Carmela C. Cárdenas
11 and extend sincere sympathy to her loved ones; and, be it further

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