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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cherished memories remain to comfort those mourning
2 the loss of Alicia Ester Varela Galvan of Corpus Christi, who passed
3 away on February 8, 2019, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Salvador Moncada and Angela Gonzalez
5 Varela, the former Alicia Varela was born in San Antonio on May 15,
6 1930; she attended high school at Our Lady of the Lake and college
7 at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Terre Haute, Indiana, where she
8 graduated magna cum laude with a degree in English; while a college
9 student, she earned her pilot's license and undertook many solo
10 flights, including one across Lake Michigan; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Varela taught in her hometown for a few years
12 before moving to Miami, Florida, and working for Burdines's
13 flagship department store; she rose through the ranks to become
14 head buyer for Burdines and went on to travel throughout the country
15 while serving in that position; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1965, she relocated to Corpus Christi and wed the
17 love of her life, Robert Galvan Sr., with whom she shared more than
18 half a century of marriage; for many years, she worked alongside her
19 husband at Galvan Music Company, and she was also employed at times
20 with King Furniture Company and Union Loan and Jewelry; the couple
21 became the devoted parents of two children, Robert and Guadalupe,
22 who preceded her mother in death; she also cherished her
23 granddaughter, Jacqueline, and her numerous nieces and nephews; and

24 WHEREAS, An avid reader who was fluent in three languages,

1 Mrs. Galvan enjoyed discussing politics and pursuing other
2 intellectual interests; she was a charter member of the Sembradores
3 de Amistad club, and she was active in Las Parlanchinas and the Pan
4 American Society as well; she was also a devout Catholic, and she
5 held memberships in the Society of Mary and the Order of the Holy
6 Sepulchre; and

7 WHEREAS, Alicia Galvan was a source of joy to all who shared
8 in the richness of her life, and she will forever be remembered with
9 deepest admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Alicia Ester Varela
12 Galvan and extend heartfelt sympathy to her loved ones; and, be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Alicia
17 Galvan.