## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly cause for celebration, and Elvira Salinas Cruz of Raymondville reached that impressive milestone on February 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1919, Elvira Cruz married Bartolo Cruz on March 1, 1941; she is the mother of 13 children, and she was a source of unwavering strength and support for her family as they traveled together across the country as migrant workers, following jobs to Washington, Utah, Michigan, Ohio, and other states; and

WHEREAS, Today Mrs. Cruz continues to live in her longtime home in Raymondville, where she and her husband shared their lives until he passed away; she remains the beloved matriarch of a family that has grown to include 41 grandchildren, 110 great-grandchildren, and 64 great-great-grandchildren; over the years, she has taught her daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters how to cook, how to make tortillas from scratch, and, perhaps most importantly, how to be a good mother and a strong woman; and

WHEREAS, Elvira Cruz is a source of joy and inspiration to her family, and in sharing the experience gained through a century of life well lived, she bestows a precious gift of wisdom that benefits all who are fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86 th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Elvira Salinas Cruz on her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued 4 House of Representatives.

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1449 was adopted by the House on May 10,2019 , by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

