

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 614

In Memory
of
Carmelita Riley Peña

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Carmelita Riley Peña, who died March 23, 2019, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Carmelita Peña was an exemplary citizen who was widely respected and admired for her compassion toward others and her many contributions to the Laredo community; and

WHEREAS, She earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Corpus Christi State University and a master's degree from Laredo State University, and she enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a registered nurse in the neonatal ward at Mercy Hospital; she went on to serve as a mentor and guide to countless nursing students at Laredo Junior College and was an administrator at Laredo State University; and

WHEREAS, She was devoted to her husband, Anthony J. Peña, and she took joy in her wonderful family; her children, Agnes Marshall, Reynaldo Gonzalez, Richard Gonzalez, and the late Eduardo, Henry, and David Riley Gonzalez, were a source of much pride for her; she was blessed with eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, grace, and generosity, she was beloved by many in her community, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by all who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Carmelita Riley Peña; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Carmelita Peña.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 23, 2019, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate