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H.R. No. 37

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Leticia O. Lopez of Rio Grande City on
2 November 8, 2020, at the age of 60, has brought a profound loss to
3 the family and many dear friends of this cherished woman; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of a migrant farmworker, the former
5 Leticia Oliveira was born in Weslaco on August 3, 1960, to Luis and
6 Leonila Oliveira; she earned a bachelor's degree from The
7 University of Texas-Pan American and began her professional career
8 as an elementary school teacher and guidance counselor; she later
9 returned to school to obtain her master's degree in education and
10 served as principal of La Grulla Elementary School in Starr County,
11 a position that she found to be especially rewarding; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2016, Ms. Lopez was elected to the board of the
13 Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District, where she
14 served a four-year term; outside of her work with area schools, she
15 was a local and regional leader for the Catholic Daughters of the
16 Americas, and she found great fulfillment in mentoring young women
17 in Rio Grande City and encouraging their pursuit of higher
18 education; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Lopez was a woman of extraordinary strength of
20 spirit; she completed her education, ascended to leadership
21 positions, and served her community even while she was waging a
22 decades-long battle with breast cancer; though undergoing
23 treatment for the disease exacted a heavy toll, her concern for
24 others was always foremost in her mind, and she never wavered in her

1 commitment to those who needed her; and

2 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Lopez enjoyed the love and
3 companionship of her husband of 34 years, Leo Lopez Jr.; she was the
4 proud mother of three sons, Leo, Luis, and Lisandro, and was further
5 blessed with two grandchildren, Lisandro and Nylah Leticia; she
6 also shared a special bond with her sister, Lourdes; and

7 WHEREAS, Although Leticia Lopez's journey on this earth ended
8 far too soon, she will forever be remembered by those whose lives
9 she graced with her kindness, generosity, and optimism; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Leticia O. Lopez and
13 extend heartfelt condolences to all those who mourn her passing;
14 and, be it further

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