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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 admired educator Rosa Meraz Montoya of Dallas on April 3,
3 2020, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Rosa and Juan Meraz, the former Rosa
5 Meraz was born in Tucumcari, New Mexico, on June 16, 1930, and grew
6 up with four siblings, Hortensia, Ester, Juan, and Enrique; after
7 graduating from high school, she worked for several years as an
8 office manager at a credit union; she married the love of her life,
9 Fred Montoya, on September 8, 1951, and four years later, they moved
10 to Albuquerque, where they raised a daughter, Regina, and three
11 sons, Robert, Victor, and Andrew; a fourth son, Peter, died in
12 infancy; later in life, Mrs. Montoya's treasured family grew to
13 include five grandchildren, Jessica, Aaron, Ryan, Heather, and
14 Stephen, and two great-grandchildren, Jett and Zane; and

15 WHEREAS, When her youngest child entered first grade,
16 Mrs. Montoya enrolled in the University of New Mexico and completed
17 her bachelor's degree in Spanish and bilingual education; she began
18 her career in New Mexico, and in 1971, following a move to North
19 Texas, she joined the faculty of North Garland High School; later,
20 she taught for many years at Thomas Jefferson High School in the
21 Dallas Independent School District, and along the way, she earned a
22 master's degree from East Texas State University; she was a kind
23 mentor and an inspiring role model to her students, championing
24 their interests while tirelessly encouraging them to reach their

1 highest potential; and

2 WHEREAS, Rosa Montoya set for her loved ones a sterling
3 example of faith, perseverance, and devotion, and although she is
4 deeply missed, she will forever hold a special place in their
5 hearts; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Rosa Meraz Montoya
8 and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rosa
13 Montoya.