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H.R. No. 344

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of Natividad Diaz of Palmview, who died on February 5,
3 2021, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Natividad Diaz was born to Natividad Diaz Sr. and
5 Bernarda Diaz Villarreal in El Azúcar, Tamaulipas, Mexico, on
6 September 3, 1939, and he grew up with six siblings, Antonio,
7 Enrique, Siria, Elida, Consuelo, and Victoriana; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Diaz emigrated from Mexico to California in the
9 early 1960s, and he made his living as a farmworker for a time
10 before embarking on a long and successful career as a norteño and
11 conjunto musician; alongside his cousin Tiburcio Saenz, Mr. Diaz
12 played the drums, wrote songs, and served as music manager for Los
13 Regionales de Tejas, and he later joined his uncle Juan Benavidez's
14 band, Los Vigilantes; he also toured with Los Alegres de Terán and
15 created his own conjunto group, Los Cardenales; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1985, Mr. Diaz moved to the Rio Grande Valley,
17 and in 1992, he settled in Palmview, where he continued to play
18 music and maintain his farmland across the river in El Azúcar; for
19 many years, his group Los Vigilantes del Bravo, which recreated his
20 uncle's band from the 1960s, delighted fans of norteño and conjunto
21 music across South Texas and Tamaulipas; and

22 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Diaz enjoyed the love and
23 support of his wife, Teresa, with whom he shared 55 years; he took
24 great pride in his five children, Jose, Ricardo, Norma, Bernarda,

1 and Daniel, and he experienced the joy of welcoming into his family
2 nine grandchildren, Noreen, Heather, Clarissa, Christian, Marissa,
3 Tristen, Gabriela, Jonah, and Jordan, and three
4 great-grandchildren, Giselle, Nathan, and Ely; and

5 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a gifted musician,
6 Natividad Diaz lived a rich and purposeful life, and he will forever
7 be a source of inspiration to those he leaves behind; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Natividad Diaz and
11 extend heartfelt sympathy to his many friends and loved ones; and,
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Natividad
16 Diaz.