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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life lived with joy and purpose drew to a close
2 with the passing of admired restaurateur Maria Delia Bazan of
3 McAllen on January 31, 2021, at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Manuel and Rosita Lopez, the former
5 Delia Lopez was born in McAllen on March 1, 1944, and grew up with
6 five siblings, Ruben, Ofelia, Diana, Irma, and Manuel; in the late
7 1960s, she met her future husband, Elias Bazan Jr., after her car
8 had a problem near Archer Park; she agreed to give him her number
9 but provided a fake name, and when he phoned, her sister tried to
10 tell him he had the wrong number; fortunately, she was home to
11 intervene; the couple became the proud parents of 3 children,
12 Elias, Steve, and Priscilla, and they were eventually blessed with
13 12 grandchildren, Elias, Arrik, Sara, Samantha, Trista, Tessa,
14 Tristan, Karis, Alejandro, Rick, Dominique, and Daniella; and

15 WHEREAS, The Bazans served some five generations of Rio
16 Grande Valley residents at their Taco Ole Mexican Restaurants,
17 where Ms. Bazan's enchiladas and Lenten capirotada were especially
18 popular; she could often be found happily working in the kitchen
19 alongside the cooks; she favored bright, stylish clothes, and at
20 the age of 70, she could be spotted driving around in a powder-blue
21 convertible, attired like a movie star in huge sunglasses and a
22 flowy scarf, with grandchildren in the back seat; warm and caring,
23 she loved spending time with her large extended family, and she was
24 a maternal presence in the lives of many others as well; she was

1 also a woman of strong faith and a longtime member of the
2 interdenominational group Women's Aglow, and she hosted monthly
3 chapter meetings at her restaurant and Bible studies; and

4 WHEREAS, Although Delia Bazan will be deeply missed, she has
5 left her family and friends with a wealth of memories that they will
6 forever treasure, and she will always hold a special place in their
7 hearts; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Maria Delia Bazan
10 and extend sincere sympathy to her loved ones; and, be it further

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