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H.R. No. 710

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bonnie Soria Najera of El Paso has demonstrated  
2 remarkable courage and compassion by advocating for public health  
3 measures during the COVID-19 pandemic, in the face of unimaginable  
4 personal loss; and

5           WHEREAS, The District 7 trustee of El Paso Community College,  
6 Ms. Najera has lost six family members to the deadly disease; in May  
7 of 2020, her mother, Rosie Soria, contracted COVID-19 and was  
8 hospitalized, and shortly thereafter, Ms. Najera's father, Leo  
9 Soria, was diagnosed with the disease and placed in a different  
10 hospital; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Soria died within weeks of each other,  
12 and they were buried together; in July 2020, Ms. Najera herself  
13 suffered a severe bout of the virus, requiring several days of  
14 hospitalization, and by November 2020, she had lost four more  
15 family members to COVID-19, including two aunts, an uncle, and her  
16 cousin; and

17           WHEREAS, Because of her tragic personal experience,  
18 Ms. Najera has become a powerful advocate for practicing  
19 appropriate public safety measures during the pandemic; in social  
20 media posts and in an appearance on *Good Morning America*, she has  
21 spoken out about the need for the public to wear face masks, to  
22 maintain social distancing, and to avoid large gatherings; and

23           WHEREAS, Texans have suffered tremendous hardship and loss  
24 during this global health crisis, and by sharing her story with the

1 public, Bonnie Najera has demonstrated remarkable fortitude and  
2 concern for others, in the hope of saving her fellow Texans from the  
3 pain and grief she has endured; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commend Bonnie Soria Najera for her advocacy of  
6 public health measures during the COVID-19 pandemic and extend to  
7 her sincere condolences on the loss of her loved ones; and, be it  
8 further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Ms. Najera as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
11 House of Representatives.