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H.R. No. 1293

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Drusilla Knight-Villarreal of Corpus Christi, an
2 esteemed educator and friend to many, passed away on January 21,
3 2020, at the age of 68; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Margaret and Drew Harrison, the
5 former Drusilla Harrison was born on July 25, 1951; she completed
6 both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Texas A&M
7 University-Kingsville; over the course of a 33-year career with the
8 Corpus Christi Independent School District, she taught in the
9 special education department of South Park Middle School and then
10 in the CCISD Homebound Program; she wrote a weekly column on
11 education for the *Flour Bluff Sun* and *Coastal Bend Sun*, and for two
12 decades, she served on the District-Level Planning and
13 Decision-Making Committee; in addition, she was vice president of
14 the Corpus Christi AFT; at the state level, she served on the
15 Teachers' Professional Practices Commission and the Texas
16 Continuing Advisory Committee for Special Education; moreover, she
17 contributed to her community as a board member and advisor for CASA
18 of Nueces County; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Knight-Villarreal was active in politics from
20 an early age; she was district committeewoman of the Texas Young
21 Republicans, and she went on to work with the Nueces County
22 Republican Women and serve on the boards of both the Texas and
23 National Federations of Republican Women; she also helped organize
24 the Nueces County Republican Convention for many years and attended

1 county, state, and national Republican conventions as a delegate 40
2 times; and

3 WHEREAS, Devoted to her family, Ms. Knight-Villarreal shared
4 a fulfilling marriage with her husband, Homero C. Villarreal, and
5 the couple enjoyed traveling the world together; she took great
6 pride in her son, Adam, and her grandchildren, Asher and Erin, as
7 well as in her stepdaughters, Sandra and Ana Maria, and their
8 children; and

9 WHEREAS, Drusilla Knight-Villarreal greatly benefited her
10 fellow citizens through her professional and civic contributions
11 alike, and although her loss is keenly felt by those she left
12 behind, they will forever treasure their memories of her tremendous
13 warmth, kindness, and compassion; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Drusilla
16 Knight-Villarreal and extend sincere sympathy to her loved ones;
17 and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Drusilla
21 Knight-Villarreal.