

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 187

In Memory
of
Teresa Altagracia Lozano Long

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Teresa Altagracia Lozano Long, beloved wife, friend, patron of the arts, champion of education, and philanthropist, who died March 22, 2021, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, "Altagracia" translates as "High Grace" or "Very Gracious," a reflection of Teresa's remarkable kindness, compassion, and commitment to improving the lives of low-income Texans; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Lozano Long was born in Premont on July 20, 1928, to Arturo V. and Elvira D. Lozano, and immediately began blazing trails; she was Premont High School's first Mexican American valedictorian at the age of 16 before enrolling at The University of Texas at Austin, at which she was the only female and the only Mexican American student majoring in physical education; and

WHEREAS, While teaching junior high in Alice, Texas, she met Joe Long, at a time when intercultural relationships were not only rare, but also controversial, and after marrying on February 1, 1958, they were blessed with more than six happy and harmonious decades together; and

WHEREAS, Teresa and Joe shone together as ardent advocates of education and the arts who basked in the joy of providing scholarships for students and who became significant contributors in myriad fields including medicine, teaching, and the fine and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, She blossomed professionally as a Consultant for the U.S. Office of Education on Migrant Education and Head Start Program and in the Review Section of the Division of Compensatory Education of the Texas Education Agency, where she also worked as a Research Assistant, and as a Research Associate for the Governor's Committee on Public School Education; and

WHEREAS, Her civic leadership was evident through the countless boards and councils on which she served, including the Chancellor's Council and Development Board at The University of Texas, Texas Committee for National Museum of Women in the Arts, National Council on the Arts, Austin College, First State Bank and Community National Bank, Austin Lyric Opera, St. Austin Catholic School, Seton Medical Center Auxiliary, Laguna Gloria Museum, and Ballet Austin; and

WHEREAS, Her legacy of service forever will be memorialized in the Dr. Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies at The University of Texas at Austin, the Joe R.

and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Center for the Performing Arts in Austin; and

WHEREAS, She received countless awards and honors for her civic and philanthropic work, including being named a Distinguished Alumna of The University of Texas at Austin, a member of the Texas Women's Hall of Fame, and a recipient of the National Humanities Medal; and

WHEREAS, She and her husband will impact generations of Texans, past, present, and future, through the more than \$150 million they have contributed to nonprofits and higher education, mostly for scholarships and programs; and

WHEREAS, She is survived not only by her beloved husband, but also by her brother, Hector Lozano; her honorary grandchildren, Gael, Alan, and Aranza, children of Ulises and Betty Perez; her many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends; and she will be best remembered by those who know her as a devoted wife, a beloved friend, and an avid believer in the transformational power of education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Teresa Lozano Long; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Teresa Lozano Long.

Zaffirini, Eckhardt

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 23, 2021, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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