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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Lydia T. Rocha of Del Rio on October 8, 2023, at the age  
3 of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Del Rio on January 11, 1944, Lydia Rocha was  
5 the daughter of Guadalupe Torres Sr. and Maria de Jesus Torres, and  
6 she grew up in a large family; after graduating from Del Rio High  
7 School in 1962, she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary  
8 education from Texas Woman's University; later in life, she  
9 received a master's degree from Texas A&I University and multiple  
10 certifications from Sul Ross State University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rocha went on to serve as a teacher and  
12 administrator in the Del Rio school system; as a reading  
13 specialist, she shared her passion for reading with countless  
14 students during her time in the classroom; she ultimately concluded  
15 her career as an assistant principal after 41 years in education;  
16 along the way, she impacted the lives of many young people and  
17 always sought to support the teachers and staff who worked  
18 alongside her; she was a longtime member of the professional  
19 teacher organization Delta Kappa Gamma; in retirement, she traveled  
20 the world, visiting Hawaii, Alaska, and New York as well as Mexico  
21 and several countries in Europe; and

22 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mrs. Rocha cherished her family; in  
23 1966, she married Hector Rocha, and the couple shared a fulfilling  
24 relationship until his passing; she was a caring and devoted mother

1 to her six children, Cynthia, Hector, Bianca, Roberto, Bonnie, and  
2 Monique, and she supported each of them in all of their endeavors;  
3 with the passing years, she became the beloved matriarch of a fine  
4 family that grew to include nine grandchildren, Ramiro, Luis  
5 Gabriel, Hector Manuel, Valerie, Andrea Renee, Adrian Elias,  
6 Fernando, Adrian Francisco, and Noah Robert, and five  
7 great-grandchildren, Anaya Reese, Ayden, Adela, Santiago Adriel,  
8 and Sofia Marie; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rocha was sustained throughout her life by her  
10 strong faith; a valued congregant of St. Joseph Catholic Church,  
11 she volunteered as a catechist and was active with various prayer  
12 groups, such as Grupo Renovación and the Catholic Woman's  
13 Organization; and

14 WHEREAS, Lydia T. Rocha earned the lasting respect and  
15 admiration of all who were privileged to know her, and she will  
16 forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of her loved ones and  
17 friends; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
19 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
20 of Lydia T. Rocha and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn her  
21 passing; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lydia  
25 Rocha.