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H.R. No. 124

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their
2 memories of Dr. Celia Arellano Gentry of San Benito, who passed
3 away on April 21, 2023, at the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Emeterio and Eva Arellano, Celia
5 Arellano Gentry was born in Aguascalientes, Mexico on March 3,
6 1932; she lived a fulfilling and joyous childhood alongside her
7 siblings; Ernestine, Antonia, Emeterio, Aurora and Rosemary.

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Gentry graduated in 1952 from San Benito High
9 School where she was a member of the San Benito Band. She attended
10 Texas Womans University and graduated with a Bachelor degree in
11 Education. In 1979 she attended Pan American University and
12 graduated with a Masters Degree in Special Education and in 1986
13 received her Doctorate in Child Psychology from Texas Womans
14 University.

15 WHEREAS, Her teaching career started in 1954 in Palacios
16 CISD. She taught in Harlingen CISD and San Benito CISD for more than
17 25 years. Dr. Gentry retired from Fort Worth CISD in 1999. After her
18 retirement, Dr. Gentry continued working for Weslaco CISD where she
19 taught special education classes and children who were very ill and
20 home bound. For over a decade, Dr. Gentry worked with numerous
21 children who needed individualized tutoring, especially children
22 that were impacted during Covid. Her teaching career spanned over
23 68 years and touched the lives of over 2,000 children

24 WHEREAS, She took great pride in her three children, Leslie,

1 Bobby, and Yvonne; with the passage of time, her treasured family
2 grew to include six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Celia Arellano Gentry lived a life that was rich
4 in personal and professional achievements, and she will forever be
5 a source of inspiration to those she leaves behind; now, therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
8 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
9 of Dr. Celia Arellano Gentry and extend heartfelt sympathy to the
10 members of her family: to her children, Leslie Whittemore, Bobby
11 Gentry and Yvonne Guerra; to her grandchildren, Christina Baker,
12 Katherine Whittaker, Bobby Gentry Jr., Westin Gentry, Taite Gentry,
13 and Elizabeth Carrillo; and to her other relatives and many
14 friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Celia
18 Arellano Gentry.