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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Edinburg lost an esteemed community
2 leader with the passing of Sabrina Walker-Hernandez on July 12,
3 2025, at the age of 54; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Curtis and Joyce Walker, the former
5 Sabrina Walker was born on January 31, 1971, and she grew up with
6 the companionship of three siblings, Yakesha, Kimberly, and Curtis;
7 answering her nation's call to duty, she served in the U.S. Army for
8 four years; she earned her bachelor's degree in political science
9 and master's degree in public administration from The University of
10 Texas-Pan American, and she also held a nonprofit management
11 certification from Harvard University; and

12 WHEREAS, From 1999 to 2019, Mrs. Walker-Hernandez served as
13 the CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Edinburg Rio Grande Valley; she
14 went on to establish Building Better Boards, where she mentored
15 thousands of nonprofit leaders across the nation; as an
16 inspirational speaker, she presented leadership workshops, keynote
17 speeches, and webinars; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker-Hernandez further benefited her
19 community as a board member of such organizations as the Museum of
20 South Texas History, the Edinburg Economic Development
21 Corporation, and the Rotary Club of Edinburg, and she also chaired
22 the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council; in addition, she used her
23 battle with cancer to help others, publicly sharing her journey
24 through an op-ed and raising funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma

1 Society; in recognition of her efforts, she received a Jim
2 Wetherington Southwesterner Award from the Boys & Girls Clubs of
3 America, and in 2023, she was named the Woman of the Year by the
4 Edinburg Chamber of Commerce; and

5 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Walker-Hernandez enjoyed
6 the love and support of her husband, Hector Hernandez; she was a
7 devoted mother to her four children, Joseph, Nadia, Destiny, and
8 Amaya, and over the years, she became a proud "Bibi" to five
9 grandchildren, Liam, Austin, Serenity, Avery, and Uriah; and

10 WHEREAS, The loss of Sabrina Walker-Hernandez is keenly felt
11 by the numerous friends that she made through the years as well as
12 by the many people in Texas and beyond whose lives she forever
13 enriched; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
15 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
16 of Sabrina Walker-Hernandez and extend deepest condolences to all
17 who mourn her passing; 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 Sabrina
21 Walker-Hernandez.