

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Senator Judith Zaffirini became the first female
2 dean of the Texas Senate on December 31, 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, The first Mexican American woman elected to the
4 chamber and now its first Latina dean, Senator Zaffirini took
5 office in 1987; setting a high standard of productivity, she has
6 cast more than 72,000 consecutive votes and passed nearly 1,400
7 bills, historic records unlikely to be matched by any legislator;
8 her ability to work across the aisle was especially evident during
9 the last five Republican-dominated legislative sessions, during
10 which she has been the highest bill-passer; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Zaffirini has held numerous leadership
12 roles in the Senate, including chair of the Higher Education,
13 Health and Human Services, and Government Organization Committees
14 and vice chair of the Committee on Natural Resources and Economic
15 Development and of Finance; she also was appointed to the special
16 committees on Grid Reliability Legislative Oversight and on
17 Hurricane and Tropical Storm Preparedness, Recovery, and
18 Electricity, and she has chaired the Eagle Ford Shale Legislative
19 Caucus; among many other committees, she has served as a member of
20 Business and Commerce, Finance, State Affairs, and Redistricting;
21 since 2015 she also has served on the Texas Judicial Council and
22 since 2017 in the Texas Access to Justice Commission; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2024 the Webb County Justice Center was renamed
24 the Dean Senator Judith Zaffirini Justice Center, becoming the

1 first local Texas courthouse named for a woman; Senator Zaffirini
2 is the namesake of a number of other public buildings and
3 facilities, as well as grant programs and scholarships at
4 educational institutions across the state; the recipient of more
5 than 1,200 accolades for her legislative, civic, and professional
6 achievements, she most recently garnered such honors as the Star of
7 Justice Award from the Texas Access to Justice Commission, the
8 Orgullo Latino Legacy Award from Webb County LULAC Council No.
9 22387, and the Champion of Medicine Award from the Texas Medical
10 Association Border Health Caucus; she was inducted into the Texas
11 Women's Hall of Fame by Governor Greg Abbott in 2018; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Zaffirini is a former educator, the owner of
13 Zaffirini Communications, and the president of the Mr. South Texas
14 Foundation and the D&J Alexander Foundation; named a Distinguished
15 Alumna of The University of Texas at Austin in 2003, she earned her
16 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from the institution;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Above all, she is inspired by her family, namely her
19 husband of 60 years, Carlos Sr.; their son, Carlos Jr., and daughter
20 by marriage, Audrey; and her two darling grandsons, Asher (7) and
21 George (5); and

22 WHEREAS, Over the course of her remarkable legislative
23 career, Judith Zaffirini has made a positive difference in the
24 lives of countless Texans, and she has set an example of effective
25 public service to which all may aspire; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
27 Legislature hereby recognize the Honorable Judith Zaffirini for her

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1 contributions as a state legislator and congratulate her on being
2 named dean of the Texas Senate; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Senator Zaffirini as an expression of high regard by
5 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
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Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 46 was adopted by the House on February 27, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House