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H.R. No. 262

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Azucena Rodriguez Barrera of Robstown on January 28,
3 2025, at the age of 95; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Felix Rodriguez and Isabel Guajardo
5 Rodriguez, the former "Tena" Rodriguez was born in Robstown on
6 August 24, 1929; her parents instilled in her the values of faith,
7 perseverance, and hard work, and from an early age, she joined in
8 their endeavors at Goodridge Cleaners; she married the love of her
9 life, Gregorio "Gollo" Barrera, in January 1946, and they were
10 blessed with two treasured children, Rene and Hilda; a devoted
11 mother, she sewed clothes for her son and daughter, cooked
12 wonderful meals, and surrounded them with boundless affection; she
13 was a lifelong member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church; and

14 WHEREAS, When her offspring were older, Mrs. Barrera began
15 working alongside her husband at Pena's Café; they dreamed of
16 owning a restaurant themselves, and in 1978, they opened Barrera's
17 Fried Chicken in Robstown; she greeted everyone with a radiant
18 smile and remembered the favorite orders of the many loyal
19 regulars; gracious and elegant, she was always perfectly coiffed;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barrera was dedicated above all to her family,
22 and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a source of
23 tremendous pride and joy; "Memo" attended all their school events
24 and celebrations, and she kept her pantry stocked with their

1 favorite snacks and her television tuned to their favorite shows;
2 while spending happy afternoons playing Lotería, she taught the
3 younger generations the beauty of the Spanish language and imparted
4 the same strong values of her youth; she and her husband shared a
5 fulfilling relationship until his passing; and

6 WHEREAS, Tena Barrera led a caring life that was rich in the
7 intangibles that matter most, and although she is deeply missed,
8 her loved ones will treasure her legacy of laughter, wisdom, and
9 unwavering devotion to family and faith; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Azucena Rodriguez
12 Barrera and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to
13 her children, Rene Barrera Sr. and his wife, Velma, and Hilda Salas;
14 to her sister, Norma Salinas; to her grandchildren, Rene Barrera
15 Jr., Dr. Mandy Barrera, Agustin Barrera, and Arturo Salas Jr.; to
16 her great-grandchildren, Agustin "AJ" Barrera, Jenna Barrera,
17 Rianna Barrera, Carlos Salas, and Sammy Salas; and to her other
18 relatives and friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tena
22 Barrera.