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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The 70th birthday of a beloved community leader is
- 2 indeed cause for celebration, and Lenora Sorola-Pohlman of Houston
- 3 is marking this significant milestone in her life on April 29, 2025;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, A second-generation Houstonian, Mrs. Sorola-Pohlman
- 6 was born and raised in the historical Magnolia Park barrio in the
- 7 East End; she embarked on a career in the insurance industry in the
- 8 late 1980s and became a licensed insurance broker in 1996; as a small
- 9 business owner, she established Sorola Insurance Services, and she
- 10 currently works with Navarro Insurance Group; and
- 11 WHEREAS, In 1980, while employed by the City of Houston,
- 12 Mrs. Sorola-Pohlman recognized the underrepresentation of women in
- 13 leadership and stepped up to advocate for the Hispanic community,
- 14 women, children, and families; over the years, she has given
- 15 generously of her time and talents to a host of organizations; she
- 16 has been a member of the Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Board during eight
- 17 administrations and is currently co-chair; in addition, she has
- 18 chaired the City Park Redevelopment Authority Tax Increment
- 19 Reinvestment Zone No. 12 and held the office of vice president for
- 20 the Houston Foundation; she has also served on the boards of such
- 21 organizations as Gulf Coast Workforce Development, the University
- 22 of Houston-Downtown President's Leadership Council, and the Houston
- 23 Minority Supplier Development Council; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Dedicated to mentoring Latinas and promoting

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- 1 Hispanic leadership, Mrs. Sorola-Pohlman works to empower others
- 2 and help them succeed in important roles; her efforts have earned
- 3 her myriad accolades, among them the Yolanda Black Navarro Community
- 4 Legacy Award, the Comcast Hispanic Hero Award, and the Barbara
- 5 Jordan Community Impact Award from the Houston Section of the
- 6 National Council of Negro Women; and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Sorola-Pohlman is a valued member of Our Lady of
- 8 Guadalupe Catholic Church, where she and her husband, John Pohlman,
- 9 married in 1990; the couple shared a fulfilling relationship until
- 10 his passing in 2020; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Respected and admired by all who are privileged to
- 12 know her, Lenora Sorola-Pohlman may reflect with great satisfaction
- 13 on a lifetime of achievement as she celebrates this memorable
- 14 occasion; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
- 16 Legislature hereby congratulate Lenora Sorola-Pohlman on her 70th
- 17 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
- 18 happiness; and, be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared
- 20 for Mrs. Sorola-Pohlman as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 21 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 884 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House