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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

7 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

15 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.