

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

In Memory
of
Shelly Cantú-Valdez

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Shelly Cantú-Valdez, who died January 12, 2025, at the age of 52; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong Texan, Shelly Cantú was born in Freer on November 18, 1972, to Arnolito Cantú and Diana Garza; she earned her diploma from Freer High School in 1991, and she pursued higher education at Bee County College and completed a paralegal degree from Texas A&M International University in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Shelly enjoyed a successful career in public service that included working as an analyst for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and she was passionate about her role as a paralegal and contributed her expertise and experience as an esteemed staff member with DeSouza Injury Lawyers; and

WHEREAS, Compassionate and driven by a desire to improve the lives of vulnerable children, Shelly served on the board of Court Appointed Special Advocates in Duval County, and she was committed to helping others and always willing to assist fellow citizens in need; and

WHEREAS, Shelly shared five rewarding years of marriage with her devoted husband, Mariano Valdez III, and she was a loving mother to her four children, Enrique, Alyssa, Daniella, and Kairee; and

WHEREAS, A woman of integrity and immeasurable kindness, Shelly was a beloved member of her community, and she leaves behind memories that will long be cherished by all who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Shelly Cantú-Valdez; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Shelly Cantú-Valdez.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 13, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate