

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 503

In Memory  
of  
Lydia Estela Oliveira Canales

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Lydia Estela Oliveira Canales, who died April 7, 2025, at the age of 96; and

**WHEREAS,** A lifelong resident of Benavides, Lydia was born on February 19, 1929, as the second of seven children born to Crescencio and Velia Oliveira; and

**WHEREAS,** Lydia shared 54 years of marriage with F. H. "Tocho" Canales Sr., her beloved late husband, and they were blessed with three children, Lille Annell Canales, F. H. Canales Jr., and Juan Antonio Canales, and their dear family friend, Mary Alice Palomino, who were each a source of great pride and joy in their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** An exemplary citizen, Lydia was well known and respected in her community for her dedication to many local organizations and for her amiability toward everyone; she was involved with the Parent Teacher Association and school board for her children's schools for many years, and her public service included serving as a county election judge and 25 years as chair of the Duval County Historical Commission; and

**WHEREAS,** Above all, Lydia cherished sharing quality time with her loved ones, and she found great fulfillment in cooking, creating arts and crafts, and planning celebrations for her family; she treasured holiday festivities, camping trips, and any time spent together with her children, siblings, cousins, and many other special relatives, and her three grandchildren enriched her life immeasurably; and

**WHEREAS,** A woman of warmth, generosity, and strength, Lydia gave unselfishly to others, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her loving family and 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 Lydia Estela Oliveira Canales; 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 Lydia Canales.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate