

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 WHEREAS, The Honorable Lena Guerrero of Austin passed away on
3 April 24, 2008, at the age of 50, bringing to a close a full and
4 accomplished life; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in 1957 to Adela and Alvaro Guerrero, Lena
6 Guerrero grew up in Mission, the fifth of nine children; she went on
7 to attend The University of Texas at Austin, where she became active
8 in the Democratic Party and where, in 1979, she became the first
9 woman and the first Hispanic elected president of the Texas Young
10 Democrats; and

11 WHEREAS, Some five years later, at the age of 25, Ms. Guerrero
12 won election to the Texas House of Representatives, becoming only
13 the second Hispanic woman to ever hold office as a state legislator;
14 voters subsequently returned her to office three more times, and
15 during nearly a decade of service, she made her mark as a champion
16 for migrant farmworkers, teenage pregnancy prevention, and a
17 variety of environmental and social justice issues; named one of
18 the 10 best legislators of 1989 by *Texas Monthly* magazine, she
19 further distinguished herself as vice chair of the House Committee
20 on State Affairs and the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Guerrero was equally accomplished in her
22 professional life, serving as executive director of the Texas
23 Women's Political Caucus and as co-owner of an Austin advertising
24 and consulting firm, Bravo Communications; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1991, she was appointed to the Railroad
2 Commission by Governor Ann Richards, breaking yet another barrier
3 as a Hispanic woman; she was a leading supporter of tax incentives
4 for independent oil and gas producers and an early advocate for
5 alternative fuels, and she played a key role in revamping
6 regulation of the industry; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Guerrero was among the brightest and hardest
8 working public officials in Texas; she graduated from The
9 University of Texas at Austin in 1993, demonstrating that our
10 mistakes are often the gateway to growth and success in other
11 arenas; and

12 WHEREAS, This beloved woman fought brain cancer with grace,
13 dignity, and her trademark humor, along with the help of her
14 husband, Leo Aguirre, their son, "Little" Leo Aguirre, other family
15 members, and countless friends; although her life ended far too
16 soon, she will long be remembered with great affection and
17 admiration by all those who were privileged to know her; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
20 hereby honor the life and legacy of Lena Guerrero as a dedicated and
21 inspiring public servant, a loving wife, a caring mother, a trusted
22 friend, and a true pioneering daughter of the State of Texas.

David Sewhurst
President of the Senate

John Strawn
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 62 was adopted by the Senate on April 21, 2009.

Letsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 62 was adopted by the House on April 24, 2009.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

6 MAY '09
Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

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