SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Guerrero was equally accomplished in her professional life, serving as executive director of the Texas Women's Political Caucus and as co-owner of an Austin advertising and consulting firm, Bravo Communications; and
WHEREAS, In 1991, she was appointed to the Railroad Commission by Governor Ann Richards, breaking yet another barrier as a Hispanic woman; she was a leading supporter of tax incentives for independent oil and gas producers and an early advocate for alternative fuels, and she played a key role in revamping regulation of the industry; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby honor the life and legacy of Lena Guerrero as a dedicated and inspiring public servant, a loving wife, a caring mother, a trusted friend, and a true pioneering daughter of the State of Texas.
S.C.R. No. 62

President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

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

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor