

1-1 By: Raymond, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.C.R. No. 33  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 31, 2011;  
1-3 April 20, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Administration; May 10, 2011, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 10, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, State law stipulates in Section 2165.256,  
1-8 Government Code, that a person specified in a concurrent resolution  
1-9 adopted by the legislature is eligible for burial in the State  
1-10 Cemetery if the State Cemetery Committee finds that the person has  
1-11 made a significant contribution to Texas history and, based on that  
1-12 finding, approves the person's burial; and

1-13 WHEREAS, Susana I. Aleman, who served as assistant dean for  
1-14 student affairs at The University of Texas at Austin School of Law  
1-15 for more than two decades, is a pioneering figure whose  
1-16 professional achievements helped further the worthy ideal of equal  
1-17 opportunity for all Texans, and her request for burial in the State  
1-18 Cemetery merits approval by the committee; and

1-19 WHEREAS, A leader in the fields of education and law, Dean  
1-20 Aleman became the first woman and first Hispanic to hold the post of  
1-21 assistant dean for student affairs at the UT Austin School of Law  
1-22 when she accepted the position in 1984; during her 21-year tenure,  
1-23 she ably counseled thousands of law students on both academic and  
1-24 personal matters, and her success in that role helped inspire other  
1-25 minorities and women to seek a place in the ranks of senior  
1-26 administration in both the public and private sectors; and

1-27 WHEREAS, Dean Aleman joined the staff of the law school  
1-28 shortly after receiving her doctor of jurisprudence degree from UT  
1-29 Austin; she also holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education  
1-30 and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from UT Austin  
1-31 as well as a master's degree in school administration from the  
1-32 former Texas A&I University-Kingsville; in addition, she was the  
1-33 valedictorian of the Class of 1972 at Falfurrias High School; and

1-34 WHEREAS, Dean Aleman's record of service to her state further  
1-35 includes her work as a high school government teacher, student  
1-36 mentor, and youth development director and as the University  
1-37 Interscholastic League academic director in Brooks County;  
1-38 moreover, she has contributed her time and expertise to such  
1-39 organizations as the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas, the  
1-40 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Texas Commission on Judicial  
1-41 Efficiency; and

1-42 WHEREAS, In 2006, the Travis County Women Lawyers'  
1-43 Association honored Dean Aleman as a Pathfinder, an award that  
1-44 recognizes local women with law degrees who are role models and  
1-45 trailblazers in the community; her numerous honors also include  
1-46 recognition as an Outstanding Leader in 2000-2001 by the Hispanic  
1-47 Faculty/Staff Association of UT Austin; and

1-48 WHEREAS, In light of her noteworthy contributions to the Lone  
1-49 Star State, it is fitting that Susana I. Aleman be allowed to  
1-50 designate the State Cemetery as her final resting place; now,  
1-51 therefore, be it

1-52 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-53 hereby authorize the burial of Susana I. Aleman in the State  
1-54 Cemetery, provided that her application for assignment of burial  
1-55 space is approved by the State Cemetery Commission as required by  
1-56 law.

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