

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1822

A RESOLUTION in memory of Hazel Gomez.

WHEREAS, Hazel Gomez of Topeka died October 11, 2000, after giving nearly 60 years of community service to the Topeka Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Gomez was the 2000 Kansas LULAC Woman of the Year and was named Woman of the Year in 1987 by the Kansas Association of Hispanic Organizations. Hazel was the first chairperson for the LULAC Advisory Board for the Elderly. She served as a board member for Friendly Neighbors, Catholic Social Services, the National Hispanic Council on Aging, Volunteer Action, the Topeka Youth Center, and the Silver Haired Legislature. She was a founding member and past president of LULAC Council #11071, founding member and past president of La Colonia Housing Project, and Kansas LULAC Chairperson. Hazel was a member of Living the Dream, Inc. since its inception. As the LULAC Council President she supervised a grant from the state of Kansas that provided funds for the acquisition and renovation of the LULAC Senior Center in Topeka; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Gomez was fiesta queen for Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in July, 1943, and was a volunteer for the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Mexican festival for 40 years. She was also a member of the Fiesta Belles of Topeka dance group; and

WHEREAS, Other community service by Hazel Gomez included service on the Advisory Board of Friendly Neighbors Meals; as a VITA volunteer; membership on the Church Women's United Board and the Topeka Youth Project Board; Vice-President of the Silver Haired Legislature; service on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Service Board, the Martin Luther King—Living the Dream Committee, the Y.W.C.A. Nominating Committee for board members and the Planning Committee for the United Way; and

WHEREAS, A recipient of many awards, Hazel Gomez has been honored by the local and national LULAC organizations, the city of Topeka, and the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Gomez is survived by her husband of 56 years, Robert; four children, Virginia, William, Samuel and George; and nine grandchildren: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Hazel Gomez and commend her example of public service for all to emulate; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mr. Robert Gomez, 3711 S.E. Oakwood Drive, Topeka, Kansas 66605.

Senate Resolution No. 1822 was sponsored by Senator Anthony Hensley.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*