



HR0816

LRB102 27115 LAW 38541 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of
4 Guadalupe "Lupe" (Bedolla) Jimenez of Chicago, who passed away
5 on February 7, 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, Guadalupe Jimenez was born to Socorro and Efrain
7 Bedolla in Chicago on March 16, 1957; she graduated high
8 school in 1975; she married Jose Jimenez in 1975, and they had
9 three children; and

10 WHEREAS, Alongside her husband, Guadalupe Jimenez
11 co-founded Carnicerias Jimenez, one of Chicago's first
12 successful Mexican grocery businesses, which has expanded to
13 many locations throughout the Chicagoland area, including West
14 Chicago; they opened their first storefront, Fruteria Jimenez,
15 in 1975; they opened their second location, Carnicerias
16 Jimenez, on August 8, 1976; they opened their third storefront
17 at 4204 West North Avenue in 1977, where it still stands today;
18 they built a grocery business that started with just
19 themselves as employees and developed into a thriving
20 enterprise that employs more than 400 people, including many
21 who would become pioneers of the Mexican community; their
22 business has won many national and local awards throughout the
23 years for their corporate citizenship and citizen involvement;

1 she maintained an active role in the business until her death;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Guadalupe Jimenez left a lasting impact on the
4 community of West Chicago through her advocacy, including
5 donating two semi-trucks full of plastic water bottles for the
6 individuals in Flint, Michigan who were in need of clean
7 water; and

8 WHEREAS, Guadalupe Jimenez was deeply committed to her
9 faith; she was a significant pillar for the Archdiocese of
10 Chicago, and she mentored many local entrepreneurs and
11 silently sponsored organizations throughout the city, country,
12 and world; and

13 WHEREAS, Guadalupe Jimenez was a formidable businesswoman
14 and trailblazer whose no-nonsense approach was softened by her
15 charming manner, great love for people, and huge heart; and

16 WHEREAS, Guadalupe Jimenez was preceded in death by her
17 sister, Sandra; her brothers, Arturo, Efrain (Junior), and
18 Jorgito; and her father, Efrain Bedolla; and

19 WHEREAS, Guadalupe Jimenez is survived by her husband,
20 Jose Jimenez; her children, Luz Maribel, Jose III, and Lupita;
21 her grandchildren, Victorito, Jose Alejandro, Adriana Sophia,

1 and Camila Itzel; her brothers, Patricio, Mario, Pepe,
2 Octavio, and Andres; and her mother, Socorro Bedolla;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we mourn the passing of Guadalupe "Lupe" (Bedolla) Jimenez and
7 extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all
8 who knew and loved her; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Guadalupe Jimenez as an expression
11 of our deepest sympathy.