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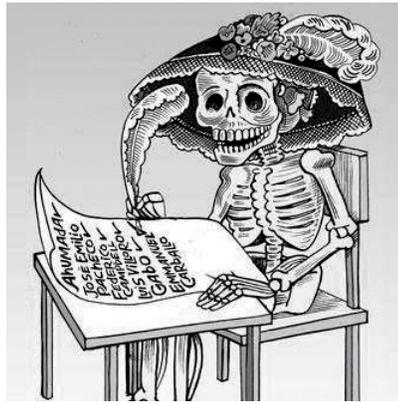
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2021, a remarkable year, but not in a good way, especially in Texas. First, our dear gov has loosened the restrictions on carrying and owning guns so our very lives are threatened. Reproductive rights are being abolished in Texas, jeopardizing the rights of the entire nation of women. Intolerance is rampant with trans youth being targeted. Voting rights are in jeopardy, too, with a number of restrictions and requirements for people of color, the elderly and otherly abled. Healthcare is not available for everyone and the Guv is doing his best to spread COVID. Immigration has been actively blocked at the southern border and immigrants from Latin America and Haiti are being demonized. Climate change legislation? Well,

don't hold your breath. Plenty of political fodder to write about in the form of Calaveras this year. So guess who the favorite target is—Greg Abbott, of course!

The number of calaveras & literary ofrendas La Voz received this year was wonderful. Unfortunately, we could not publish them all. We will, however, continue to publish literary ofrendas to the dearly departed who we can honor with a poem, story or reflection. If your literary ofrenda did not appear in this issue, it will be in the December/January issue. If you'd still like to submit a tribute to the memory of someone no longer on this earth but present in your heart, please send in your tributes with a photo by November 5 to: lavoz@esperanzacenter.org.

Heartfelt thanks to the Buena gente, including artists, who contributed to this 22nd edition of Calaveras and Literary Ofrendas in the November issue of La Voz de Esperanza.

—Mil gracias, Gloria A. Ramirez, *editor of La Voz de Esperanza*

Hey! Beloved San Antonio Raza!

We finally got rid of El Pinche Orange-Faced trump, but he plans to run again in 2024, so again, let's kick his ass out the door! Abbott is the next one to go, he's a yes man for trump going against the issues that are important to us Tejanos! Cruz, AKA "Chupadero", is a potato (papa)—brown on the outside and white on the inside. He's also un llorón! Since trump lost the election, he can't get over the lie that the election was stolen. Paxton sticks his nose where it doesn't belong and only cares about the rich and forgets about us taxpayers that pay his salary.

Hey Beloved "Raza", according to the Census, we are no longer the minority! We've got the power to educate ourselves and we have the power to vote! Let's get involved with our communities, our city, our county, our state and national issues. LET'S UNITE AGAIN and vote these fools out of office and replace them with educated, caring people! Let's get some young blood to replace these "Old Farts"!

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!
¡QUE DIOS NOS BENDIGA SIEMPRE!

—Rosemary Reyna-Sanchez



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