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H.C.R. No. 4

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The members and staff of the Texas Legislature are
2 mourning the loss of a widely respected figure in the Capitol
3 community with the untimely passing of Tamoria R. Jones at the age
4 of 35; and

5 WHEREAS, The longtime chief of staff for State Representative
6 Harold V. Dutton Jr., Ms. Jones had played an instrumental role in
7 the operations of his office since 2012; she further distinguished
8 herself as the committee clerk for the House Urban Affairs
9 Committee during the 83rd Legislature, the Juvenile Justice and
10 Family Issues Committee during the 84th, 85th, 86th, and 88th
11 Legislatures, and the Public Education Committee during the 87th
12 Legislature; and

13 WHEREAS, In the course of her duties, Ms. Jones not only
14 mentored the members of Representative Dutton's staff but also
15 provided valuable guidance to personnel in numerous other offices;
16 moreover, her dedicated work in support of bills related to child
17 literacy and other pivotal issues was widely admired, and her
18 commitment to legislative service and her passion for improving the
19 lives of Texas residents were an inspiration to all who had the good
20 fortune to work alongside her; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones completed her undergraduate studies at
22 Prairie View A&M University in 2010 and went on to earn a master's
23 degree in business administration from Texas Woman's University in
24 2012; she graduated with her juris doctor from the Thurgood

1 Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in 2018; and

2 WHEREAS, State law stipulates in Section [2165.256](#),
3 Government Code, that a person specified in a concurrent resolution
4 adopted by the legislature is eligible for burial in the State
5 Cemetery if the State Cemetery Committee finds that the person has
6 made a significant contribution to Texas history and, based on that
7 finding, approves the person's burial; and

8 WHEREAS, In recognition of her outstanding contributions to
9 the Lone Star State through more than a decade of exemplary service
10 to the Texas House of Representatives, it is fitting that the family
11 of Tamoria Jones be allowed to designate the State Cemetery as her
12 final resting place; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,
14 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of
15 Tamoria R. Jones and authorize her burial in the State Cemetery,
16 provided that the application for assignment of burial space is
17 approved by the State Cemetery Committee as required by law.