

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

In Memory
of
Tamoria Jones

WHEREAS, The death of Tamoria RaShon Jones at the age of 35 has brought a profound loss to her family, her friends, and the entire Texas legislative community; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 22, 1988, Tamoria Jones grew up in Freeport; she graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing from Prairie View A&M University and went on to complete a master's degree in business administration at Texas Woman's University; embarking on a career in public service, she began working in the office of State Representative Harold V. Dutton, Jr., in 2012 and rose to become chief of staff; she continued her education as well, earning her law degree magna cum laude from Texas Southern University in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication as a committee clerk during multiple sessions, furthering the work of the House Committees on Urban Affairs, Public Education, and Juvenile Justice and Family Issues; a stalwart champion of education and literacy, she brought her characteristic enthusiasm and persistence to bear in supporting legislation to improve reading scores and effect meaningful change in other key areas; moreover, she was committed to addressing racial disparities in education outcomes and ensuring fairness in rules for charter schools; in tribute to her exceptional efforts, the TSU Thurgood Marshall School of Law is establishing a scholarship in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Known to many as "T," Ms. Jones was a caring mentor to numerous staff members, and she generously shared her

knowledge and expertise with anyone in need of assistance; her outgoing personality and determination to help others succeed endeared her to people of all backgrounds and across political divides; and

WHEREAS, Tamoria Jones set an inspiring example through her tireless efforts in behalf of her fellow Texans, and although she will be greatly missed, she leaves behind countless friends and loved ones whose lives are far richer for having known her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Tamoria RaShon Jones and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tamoria Jones.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 13, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate