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S.R. No. 36

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Known to many as "T," Ms. Jones was a caring mentor
2 to numerous staff members, and she generously shared her knowledge
3 and expertise with anyone in need of assistance; her outgoing
4 personality and determination to help others succeed endeared her
5 to people of all backgrounds and across political divides; and

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

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

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