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H.R. No. 1310

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Tessa RaeShun Pettigrew
2 suffered an immeasurable loss with her death on March 31, 2023, at
3 the age of 45; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Dallas, the former Tessa Birdine was
5 born to Melba McGaha and Homer Lavern Birdine Sr. on August 17,
6 1977, and grew up sharing in the companionship of two brothers,
7 Homer and Tyson; she graduated from Berkner High School in
8 Richardson in 1995 and went on to study fashion merchandising and
9 business at the University of North Texas; she later earned a
10 master's degree in education; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pettigrew worked for a number of companies,
12 including Zales, JCPenney, and One Technologies before discovering
13 her passion for teaching; she began her career in education at
14 Berkner High School in 2008, and during her time there, she mentored
15 new teachers, taught marketing and business courses, and took part
16 in the dance team, AVID, and DECA programs; she subsequently served
17 as an assistant principal at Forest Meadow Junior High School and as
18 a department chair and principal at Lake Highlands High School; and

19 WHEREAS, On July 10, 2004, she married Nathaniel Pettigrew,
20 and she took great pride in her children, Tre, Joshe, Mason, Anaula,
21 and Brielle, and her grandchildren, Tre, Avianna, Myles, and
22 Mallory; moreover, she was a valued member of New Mount Zion Baptist
23 Church; and

24 WHEREAS, Although Tessa Pettigrew is greatly missed, this

1 beloved woman has left her family and friends with many cherished
2 memories, and she will forever hold a special place in their hearts;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Tessa RaeShun
6 Pettigrew and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of her
7 family: to her husband, Nathaniel Pettigrew; to her mother, Melba
8 McGaha; to her children, Tre and Joshe Jackson and Mason, Anaula,
9 and Brielle Pettigrew; to her grandchildren, Tre, Avianna, Myles,
10 and Mallory Jackson; to her brothers, Homer Lavern Birdine Jr. and
11 Tyson Timms; and to her many other relatives and friends; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tessa
16 Pettigrew.