

By: Watson

S.C.R. No. 83

1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas joins the
3 citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Loretta Johnson
4 Williams, who died April 24, 2007, at the age of 51; and

5 WHEREAS, Loretta Johnson Williams was born March 29, 1956, in
6 Saint Petersburg, Florida, to Erias and Sally Johnson; she
7 graduated from Boca Ciega High School in Gulfport, Florida, in
8 1974, and briefly attended Saint Petersburg Junior College before
9 enrolling at Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, in
10 1977; and

11 WHEREAS, She became a vital presence on the Southwestern
12 Christian College campus, taking part in many organizations, such
13 as the Library Club, Mission Study, and the college's renowned a
14 cappella chorus; she served as student body vice president and was
15 crowned Miss Southwestern; she graduated from Abilene Christian
16 University with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1981; and

17 WHEREAS, While attending Southwestern Christian College, she
18 met her future husband, George Williams; George and Loretta were
19 married on July 17, 1981, at the 20th Street Church of Christ in
20 Saint Petersburg, Florida; the couple was blessed with three
21 children, and the family moved to Austin in 1983 when George became
22 the minister and evangelist of the East Side Church of Christ; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was a devout Christian who practiced
24 her faith in her daily life; she served the church as a Bible school

1 teacher, a comarriage counselor with her husband, and the chairlady
2 of the Ladies' Symposium; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was devoted to her family, and her
4 compassion, generosity, and wise counsel will be remembered by
5 those who were fortunate enough to have shared in her love and
6 friendship; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
8 hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Loretta
9 Johnson Williams: her husband, George Williams; her sons, George
10 Micheal Williams II and Jason Sherrod Williams; her daughter,
11 Katara Shanae Williams; her stepmother, Lula Johnson; her sister,
12 Janice Walters; and her brothers, Edgar Wilcox, Sr., and Tyrone
13 Johnson, Sr.; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the
15 members of her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the
16 Texas Legislature, and that when the Texas House of Representatives
17 and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of Loretta Johnson
18 Williams.