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H.C.R. No. 243

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The death of Stephanye Irene Sampley of Atascocita
2 on April 5, 2009, at the age of 34, brought a profound loss to her
3 family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Donald and Gayle Sampley, Stephanye
5 Sampley was born in Dallas on February 22, 1975; a member of the
6 charter class of Oaks Elementary School in Atascocita, she went on
7 to graduate from Humble High School and to earn her bachelor's
8 degree in interdisciplinary studies from Stephen F. Austin State
9 University in 1997; and

10 WHEREAS, That same year, Ms. Sampley began her career as an
11 educator, teaching kindergarten at Hopper Primary School in the
12 Goose Creek Consolidated District in east Harris County; she also
13 worked at The Learning Tools, a teacher supply store in Atascocita;
14 deeply committed to her chosen field, she served as president of the
15 Goose Creek Association of Texas Professional Educators and as an
16 officer of the Mu Pi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society
17 International, an honor society for female educators; and

18 WHEREAS, When she was 10 years old, Ms. Sampley became a
19 charter member of the Atascocita United Methodist Church, serving
20 as an acolyte at its first worship service; she participated in the
21 congregation's United Methodist Youth Fellowship and in the United
22 Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth, and was a church camp
23 counselor for more than a dozen years at Lakeview in Palestine;
24 while in college, she was a loyal and valued member of the United

1 Methodist Church Wesley Foundation and served on United Methodist
2 Church Texas Conference committees as a collegiate delegate; and

3 WHEREAS, Stephanye Sampley helped many children embark on the
4 adventure of education, and in so doing, she had a lasting influence
5 on their lives; although her time on this earth was far too brief,
6 the memory of her engaging smile, her kindness, and the joyfulness
7 of her faith will be forever treasured by all who were fortunate
8 enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby pay tribute to the life of Stephanye Irene Sampley and extend
11 deepest sympathy to the members of her family: to her parents,
12 Donald and Gayle Sampley; to her brothers, Travis Sampley and
13 Stuart Sampley and his wife, Kelly; to her niece, Murphy Lucille
14 Sampley; to her grandparents, Neal and Fran Galloway; and to her
15 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
19 Stephanye Sampley.