

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close when Wilma  
2 Phillips Hunter of San Antonio died on May 24, 2008, at the age of  
3 88; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Karnes City, Wilma Phillips was the eighth  
5 of 11 children of Collie and Nolvvia Phillips; she was baptized into  
6 the Church of the Living God in her hometown at a young age and  
7 maintained a strong spiritual life in the ensuing years; and

8           WHEREAS, When she was 17 years old, she moved to the Alamo  
9 City and married Ira Smith, with whom she had two beloved sons; in  
10 1946, she exchanged wedding vows with Eddie Lee Hunter, beginning a  
11 fulfilling marriage that spanned 35 years, until his passing; the  
12 couple ran a thriving boardinghouse, and later Mrs. Hunter  
13 reportedly became the first African American woman to own and  
14 operate an upholstery business in San Antonio; the company, Hunter  
15 Brothers Upholstery, which she and her husband developed, gained a  
16 stellar reputation for quality work and drew prominent clients from  
17 throughout Bexar County; and

18           WHEREAS, An esteemed citizen of San Antonio, Mrs. Hunter  
19 cofounded the Altrusa Social Club and faithfully served the  
20 congregation of Friendship Baptist Church as a member of the usher  
21 board and choir; and

22           WHEREAS, Admired for her dynamic personality, can-do  
23 attitude, and masterful storytelling ability, Wilma Hunter will  
24 forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of all who were blessed

1 to share in her love and affection; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Wilma Phillips Hunter  
4 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her  
5 sons, Ira Smith, Jr., and his wife, Marvinette, and James Allen  
6 Smith; to her sister, Katherine Hill, and her brother, Flenoy  
7 Phillips, and his wife, Venetta; to her nine grandchildren and nine  
8 great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and friends; and,  
9 be it further

10           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Wilma  
13 Phillips Hunter.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 341

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 341 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House