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H.R. No. 341

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.