

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the untimely loss of Maura Cassiana de Souza of Spring, who passed
3 away on May 19, 2009, at the age of 22; and

4 WHEREAS, The beloved daughter of Joel and Erin de Souza, Ms.
5 de Souza was a talented young opera singer who was studying music at
6 Sam Houston State University, and she graduated only days before
7 she died; wearing her cap and gown and surrounded by family and
8 friends, she received her bachelor's degree from university
9 officials in a memorable ceremony in her hospital room; and

10 WHEREAS, Although it is immeasurably painful to say goodbye
11 to one so young and full of promise, it is fitting to remember that
12 while Maura de Souza's time here was all too brief, her life
13 profoundly affected those around her, and her memory will continue
14 to inspire the countless individuals whose lives she touched; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Maura Cassiana de
18 Souza and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family:
19 to her parents, Joel and Erin de Souza; to her sisters, Danielle and
20 Lydia de Souza; and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be
21 it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Maura de
4 Souza.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2810 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on June 1, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House