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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the untimely loss of
2 Yolanda Evette Williams, who passed away on June 17, 2011, at the
3 age of 44; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Harold and Lois Moore, the former
5 Yolanda Moore was born on June 4, 1967, in Houston; as a girl, she
6 was affectionately called "Yogi," and she enjoyed dancing, playing
7 the piano, and riding horses with her father; she was also active in
8 her church, singing in the choir and serving on the usher board and
9 as a Sunday school youth leader; and

10 WHEREAS, An accomplished student at Booker T. Washington High
11 School for Engineering Professions, Mrs. Williams was a cheerleader
12 and a member of the Honor Society; she graduated as one of the top 10
13 students in her class and went on to attend Southern Methodist
14 University on a full academic scholarship; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams later transferred to Texas Southern
16 University and was initiated into the Delta Gamma chapter of Delta
17 Sigma Theta Sorority; after earning her bachelor's degree in
18 journalism, she completed the nursing program at The University of
19 Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and she subsequently
20 received dual master's degrees in business administration and
21 health administration from the University of Houston--Clear Lake;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Throughout a health care career that began in 1993,
24 Mrs. Williams demonstrated a genuine care for patients; following

1 her 12-year tenure with Memorial Hermann and Memorial Hermann
2 Southwest, she became chief operations officer, chief clinical
3 officer, and assistant administrator at Kindred Hospital and then
4 joined the Atrium Medical Center Hospital in Stafford, where she
5 served as chief clinical officer; and

6 WHEREAS, She met the love of her life, Michael Williams, at
7 Texas Southern University in 1989, and they were married three
8 years later and became the parents of two cherished daughters;
9 rejoicing in her roles as a devoted wife and caring mother, she was
10 ever supportive of her husband's endeavors and very involved in her
11 children's school activities; she was a member of the Houston
12 chapter of Jack and Jill of America and served on a number of school
13 committees; and

14 WHEREAS, Always active in a community of faith, Mrs. Williams
15 and her family joined Good Hope Baptist Church in 2004, and she was
16 a member of the discipleship team, the choir, the marriage
17 ministry, and the Women of Hope; she also loved to travel and spent
18 many memorable vacations with family and friends visiting sites
19 across this country and on cruises throughout the Caribbean; and

20 WHEREAS, Yolanda Williams lived a caring and purposeful life,
21 rich in the intangibles that matter most, and she leaves behind a
22 remarkable legacy that will forever be treasured by all those who
23 were privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
25 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
26 of Yolanda Evette Williams and extend deepest sympathy to the
27 members of her family: to her husband, Michael R. Williams; to her

1 daughters, Kendra Nicole and Jasmine Simone; to her mother,
2 Dr. Lois Jean Moore; and to her other relatives and many friends;
3 and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Yolanda
7 Evette Williams.