

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and colleagues are mourning the
2 loss of Sharon Renae Watson Sternes of DeSoto, who passed away on
3 January 7, 2011, at the age of 48; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on April 13, 1962, Sharon Watson was the second
5 child of Rainey Morris Watson and Lucy Nelle Scott-Watson; she
6 attended public schools in Lorenzo and then enrolled at Texas Tech
7 University, graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in political
8 science, and she went on to earn a master's degree in family studies
9 from Texas Woman's University; and

10 WHEREAS, After completing her undergraduate studies, Ms.
11 Sternes married the love of her life, Kenneth Ray Sternes, and the
12 couple shared a rewarding partnership until his passing; their
13 union was blessed with two treasured sons, Rainey Alan and Ryan
14 Jewel; and

15 WHEREAS, An individual who understood the value of education,
16 Ms. Sternes was a member of the DeSoto school board for nine years,
17 most recently distinguishing herself as president after previously
18 holding the offices of vice president and secretary; she also
19 served the youth of her area as an administrator and program
20 specialist for the Office of Head Start in Dallas, and she was a
21 lifetime member of the PTA and belonged to the Texas Caucus of Black
22 School Board Members; and

23 WHEREAS, This respected community leader was involved in the
24 Society of Government Meeting Professionals and Concerned DeSoto

1 Citizens, and both organizations honored her with their President's
2 Award and other recognitions; moreover, she was an active member of
3 the Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas and took
4 part in charitable endeavors such as the Sisterhood Helping Hands
5 group; and

6 WHEREAS, Known for her no-nonsense but fun-loving approach to
7 the world, Sharon Sternes made a positive and lasting difference in
8 her community, and her legacy of achievement will live on in the
9 hearts of the countless people touched by her good works; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Sharon Renae Watson
13 Sternes and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to
14 her sons, Rainey Alan Sternes and Ryan Jewel Sternes; to her
15 goddaughter, Erin Bell; to her sister, Cynthia Watson-Banks and her
16 husband, Gregory; to her brothers, Randy A. Watson and Russell D.
17 Watson; to her godsister, Magic Ford Langston; to her
18 mother-in-law, Raythetta B. Sternes; to her godmother, Nelda
19 Jackson; to her aunts, Rosie Lee Wall, Lenora B. Scott Long, and
20 Frankie Lawson; to her uncles, Robert Watson, Sr., and Charlie
21 Baker and his wife, Mary; to her brother-in-law, Julius B. Sternes;
22 and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sharon Renae Watson Sternes.

Davis of Dallas
Giddings

H.R. No. 118

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 118 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on January 13, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House