

By: McClendon

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Laura Hunt Jones suffered
2 a great loss with the passing of this beloved woman on November 27,
3 2010, at the age of 78; and

4 WHEREAS, "Honey" Hunt, the daughter of Eula and Leroy Hunt,
5 was born in Gonzales on February 28, 1932, and was educated in
6 public schools in San Antonio; a natural caregiver who loved to
7 minister to the elderly, she was a nurse for more than 35 years, and
8 she was also employed by Irving Middle School as a social worker;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was recognized as a gifted vocalist at an
11 early age; she was often called on to sing solos at her church, and
12 she became a well-known performer in San Antonio and throughout the
13 state; though she turned down an opportunity to record
14 professionally because she wished to devote herself to her
15 children, she used her voice throughout her life to bring comfort
16 and enjoyment to others, including the patients she cared for, who
17 had the pleasure of hearing her sing on the job; and

18 WHEREAS, A woman of strong faith, Mrs. Jones considered
19 Palestine Baptist Church her second home for more than seven
20 decades; she served as president of its senior choir, lead youth
21 sponsor, president of the pastors aide committee, vice president of
22 the minister's and deacons' wives committee, and chair of the
23 women's day and pastor's anniversary celebrations; moreover, she
24 took part in various church missions, served in the youth and music

1 departments, and was a worship leader and a district association
2 alternate; her passionate loyalty to her congregation inspired new
3 members to join and helped convince those who had become inactive to
4 return to the fold; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones also was a member and soloist with the
6 Citywide Revival Choir since its inception and was a coordinator
7 for the ensemble for more than 30 years; she was active in her
8 community in other ways as well, pioneering the local Neighborhood
9 Watch program and volunteering at the School of Excellence in
10 Education, a local charter school; and

11 WHEREAS, The generosity of spirit and enduring concern for
12 others that Honey Jones demonstrated throughout her life were of
13 tremendous value to all who had the good fortune to know her, and
14 her actions had a lasting and positive influence that will continue
15 to resonate long into the future; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Laura "Honey" Hunt
18 Jones and extend deepest condolences to the members of her family:
19 to her daughters, Charlotte Frierson and Wanda R. Knox; to her
20 adopted daughters, Judge Elaine Marshall, Dannie Tomes, and Lorie
21 Ricks; to her siblings, Johnny Knox and Mamie D. McGowan; to her
22 son-in-law, Hayward Collier; to her grandchildren, Vonda L.
23 Collier, Shonte' L. Gonzales and her husband, Luis, Ramont J.
24 Bowie, Storm R. Knox, DeAngelo Jones, Laura M. Jones, and JaNise
25 Jackson; to her two great-grandchildren; to her many nieces and
26 nephews; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Laura Hunt
3 Jones.