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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close when Lillie Mae Wilson Harris of San Antonio died on  
3 February 3, 2011, at the age of 73; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on November 2, 1937, in Montgomery, to George  
5 and Jimmie Manning, the former Lillie Mae Manning moved with her  
6 family to Bay City when she was a young child; she attended Hilliard  
7 High School and graduated from Del Mar College in Corpus Christi as  
8 a licensed vocational nurse; in 1979 she relocated to the Alamo  
9 City, where she soon began working at the San Antonio State  
10 Hospital; she remained at SASH until her retirement; and

11           WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris was a devoted wife, mother, and  
12 grandmother, and she treasured the time that she spent with her  
13 husband, Shelton, and their family, which today includes children,  
14 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

15           WHEREAS, In addition to caring for her family and handling  
16 all the responsibilities of her job, Mrs. Harris contributed  
17 immeasurably to the betterment of her community through a host of  
18 initiatives; she cofounded People Against Corruption to eradicate  
19 drug dealing and gang activities in local neighborhoods and  
20 launched the MED-BUG (Motivation, Education, Determination and  
21 Bringing Up Grades) program for elementary and middle school  
22 students, an ambitious project that garnered national recognition;  
23 she also played an important role in the creation of the Dorie  
24 Miller Recreation Center, a facility with which she was involved

1 until her health declined, and she established libraries in housing  
2 projects, organized events to celebrate veterans, and assisted the  
3 homeless and those in prison, along with undertaking many other  
4 significant efforts; and

5 WHEREAS, This woman of strong faith was a valued congregant  
6 of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and the recipient of numerous  
7 accolades for her activism, including nomination for a 2004  
8 Governor's Volunteer Award; and

9 WHEREAS, Lillie Harris touched countless lives during her  
10 time on this earth, and she will forever hold a special place in the  
11 hearts of those who knew and loved her; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lillie Mae Wilson  
14 Harris and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family:  
15 to her husband, Shelton Harris, Sr.; to her daughters, Shadalia  
16 Johnson and Monica Boiser; to her sons, Diallo Uhuru and Joseph  
17 Wilson and his wife, Liz; to her stepchildren, Diane, Barbara, and  
18 Raymond Harris and Arthur Cherry; to her grandchildren, Danny and  
19 his wife, Kim, Shaneka, DeShawn, Natasha, Crystal, and Naomi; to  
20 her great-grandchildren, DeShawn, Precious, Jenna, John, and  
21 Caleb; to her siblings, Maude Franklin, James Thomas Manning, and  
22 Freddie Manning; to her "adopted" brother, Jeff Conway; to the  
23 Roberts family; and to her many other relatives and friends; and, be  
24 it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lillie Mae

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