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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Dr. Bonnie Ann Powers-Prather of Arlington, who died on November
3 4, 2010, at the age of 60; and

4 WHEREAS, Bonnie Ann Powers was born in New Orleans on January
5 20, 1950, to John Frank and Bonnie Neal Powers; at the age of 20, she
6 was among the first class of registered nurses to graduate from
7 Paris Junior College; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Powers continued her studies at The University
9 of Texas at Arlington, where she received her bachelor's and
10 master's degrees in nursing; she went on to earn a Ph.D. in
11 statistics from North Texas State University; and

12 WHEREAS, Joined in matrimony to Val Prather, she shared a
13 rewarding marriage with her husband that spanned 30 years, and
14 together they were blessed with three children, Sara Ann, Jude, and
15 Joe; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Powers-Prather initially worked as a registered
17 nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris and at Cherry Street Nursing
18 Home before moving into nursing education; she distinguished
19 herself during her three decades as a teacher at El Centro College
20 in Dallas; among other achievements, she played a leading role in
21 establishing a computerized testing center at the college, which
22 will be renamed in her memory; she also taught statistics at Tarrant
23 County College in Ft. Worth; in recognition of her work as an
24 educator, she twice received the Excellence Award from the National

1 Institute for Staff and Organizational Development at The
2 University of Texas at Austin; and

3 WHEREAS, A devoted wife and mother, an accomplished
4 professional, and an inspiring teacher and mentor, Bonnie Ann
5 Powers-Prather made a meaningful difference in countless lives, and
6 she will long be fondly remembered by all who were privileged to
7 know her; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Bonnie Ann
10 Powers-Prather and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her
11 family: to her husband, Val Vance Prather; to her children, Sara Ann
12 Chiles Garrett, Jude Prather and his wife, Kathy, and Joseph
13 Prather; to her mother and stepfather, Bonnie and Herman Talley; to
14 her brother, Bill Powers, and his wife, Rochelle; to her nephews and
15 nieces, Autumn, Jade, and John Powers, Brian Powers and his wife,
16 Jodell, and their daughter, Evelyn, and Brooke Newman and her
17 husband, Sean, and their children, Adrienne and Ava; to her uncles,
18 Robert Powers and his wife, Yvonne, and Jackie Powers and his wife,
19 Sheila; to her aunt, Juanita Bowman, and her husband, Thomas; to her
20 brothers-in-law, Jude Prather and his wife, Judy, and Kerry Prather
21 and his wife, Karen, and their respective families; and to her other
22 relatives and friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for her loved ones and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bonnie Ann
26 Powers-Prather.