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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Glenda Faye Purham-Brown, the beloved mother of our
2 esteemed colleague Representative Ron Reynolds, passed away on
3 April 8, 2011, at the age of 54; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Tennessee on July 26, 1956, to Louis and Mary
5 Purham, the former Glenda Purham graduated with honors from high
6 school and went on to attend Lane College, where she earned a degree
7 in business administration in 1978; she moved to Houston four years
8 later and worked as a legal assistant and office manager at several
9 prominent law firms; and

10 WHEREAS, Intent on becoming an attorney herself,
11 Ms. Purham-Brown relocated to Atlanta, where she earned a doctor of
12 jurisprudence degree from the Atlanta Law School in 1991; she was
13 admitted to the Georgia State Bar that same year and later to the
14 United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia;
15 after returning to Houston, she was admitted to practice before the
16 U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas and
17 cofounded Brown, Brown & Reynolds, one of the largest and most
18 successful minority-owned law firms in the state; as one of the
19 firm's three name partners, she worked alongside her husband,
20 Conrell Brown, and her son, Ron Reynolds, and focused her practice
21 on social security disability; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Purham-Brown served her professional community
23 as a member of the Gate City Bar Association, the National Bar
24 Association, the National Organization of Social Security Claims

1 Representatives, the American Bar Association, and the Houston
2 Lawyers Association; moreover, she was an active member of the Beta
3 Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, a service organization
4 that encourages the empowerment of women and advocates for basic
5 human rights; and

6 WHEREAS, In her free time, Ms. Purham-Brown found pleasure in
7 gourmet cooking and hosting gatherings of her family, which, in
8 addition to her husband and her son Ron, included her son Chris, her
9 daughter-in-law, Jonita, and her granddaughter, Lacey; a woman of
10 deep faith, she also drew support from her fellow congregants at
11 Brookhollow Baptist Church and found great joy in helping others;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Glenda Purham-Brown was a woman of strength and
14 compassion whose belief in overcoming injustice through faith,
15 education, and determination will long inspire all those who had
16 the good fortune to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Glenda Faye
19 Purham-Brown and extend sincere sympathy to her family: to her
20 husband, Conrell Brown; to her sons, Ronald Reynolds II and his
21 wife, Dr. Jonita Reynolds, and Christopher Brown; to her
22 granddaughter, Lacey Reynolds; to her parents, the Reverend Louis
23 Purham and Mary Purham; to her brothers, the Reverend Aaron
24 L. Purham and his wife, Deborah, the Reverend Reginald Purham and
25 his wife, Corrie, and Sidney Purham; to her sisters, Patricia
26 A. Baldwin, Antoinette Windham and her husband, Audrey, and Arnita
27 F. Lovett and her husband, Sam; to her godchildren, Morgan Miller,

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1 Ryian Reed, Vaughn Veal, and Haven Williams; to her niece and
2 closest friend, Marceil Veal; and to her many other relatives and
3 friends; 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 Glenda
7 Purham-Brown.