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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A caring and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Laura Nell Oliver Curtis of Houston on April 19, 2011, at
3 the age of 66; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Laura Oliver was born a twin on November
5 12, 1944, to Lovie Oliver and Louise Marie Oliver; she grew up in
6 Galveston, where she worked at John Sealy Hospital as a youth and
7 graduated from Central High School; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1963, she entered Huston-Tillotson University in
9 Austin; she earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education, with
10 a minor in English, in 1968 and eventually went on to obtain
11 certification as a reading specialist from New York University; and

12 WHEREAS, This beloved woman married her college sweetheart,
13 William "Popsie" Curtis, also known as Mateen Aalim Baaith, and the
14 couple became the parents of two children, William Curtis, Jr., and
15 Tamitra Curtis; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Curtis built a successful career in education,
17 teaching at schools in Austin, Fort Worth, New York City, and
18 Houston and at the North Texas Job Corps Center in McKinney as well
19 as at a number of Opportunities Industrialization Centers; she
20 further distinguished herself as an advocate for those living with
21 HIV/AIDS in her role as senior vice president of Over the Hill,
22 Inc., which her husband served as president and CEO; she retired in
23 2003; and

24 WHEREAS, An avid poet, Mrs. Curtis loved writing poems for

1 her friends; moreover, she delighted in time spent in the company of
2 her family, which, in addition to her children, included
3 stepchildren, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

4 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Laura Curtis
5 will remember the way she touched their lives with her generosity
6 and devotion, and she will forever hold a treasured place in their
7 hearts; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Laura Nell Oliver
10 Curtis and extend sincere condolences to her many loved ones; and,
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Laura Nell
15 Oliver Curtis.