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H.R. No. 435

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, No words can diminish the pain caused by a life cut
2 short, but all who shared in the love and friendship of Hillary
3 Frances Corgey may find comfort in their treasured memories of this
4 special young woman, who passed away on January 22, 2015, at the age
5 of 27; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on March 19, 1987, Ms. Corgey
7 attended the University of Houston; she worked at the Houston SPCA
8 and wrote articles for the UH newspaper, *The Cougar*, on a wide
9 variety of issues, from health awareness to tuition increases;
10 while completing her bachelor's degree in political science and
11 government, she served as a campaign volunteer for Texas State
12 Representative Armando Walle, and she later became a constituent
13 services intern in his Houston office; she went on to earn a
14 master's degree in political science and government from Texas
15 State University; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Corgey suffered from asthma, which was
17 aggravated by urban pollution, and she became deeply committed to
18 improving the health of the environment; in the summer of 2012, she
19 joined the Texas office of Public Citizen in Austin as an intern,
20 and her outstanding research skills proved especially valuable to
21 the organization, which eventually hired her as a full-time staff
22 member; she worked tirelessly as an advocate for environmental
23 justice, giving testimony at hearings and speaking to groups about
24 the effects of poor air quality; in addition, she analyzed data,

1 wrote reports and successful grants, and drafted legislation, among
2 other contributions; and

3 WHEREAS, Hillary Corgey devoted herself to making a positive
4 difference in the world around her, and her compassion and
5 determination will remain a source of tremendous inspiration to all
6 who knew her; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Hillary Frances
9 Corgey and extend sincere condolences to her parents, Toni and
10 David Nichols; to her grandfather, Leldon James Corgey Sr.; and to
11 her other relatives and many friends; and, 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 Hillary
15 Corgey.