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H.R. No. 242

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely death of Dédre Plesschette Jefferson of
2 Sugar Land on December 16, 2016, at the age of 48, has profoundly
3 saddened the colleagues, students, and loved ones of this
4 remarkable woman; and

5 WHEREAS, Dédre Jefferson was born on September 23, 1968, in
6 Wiesbaden, Germany, to Walter and Ella Caple Jefferson; a proud
7 graduate of the Alief Independent School District in Houston, she
8 went on to enjoy a 20-year teaching career and was serving as a
9 senior career and technical education specialist for Houston ISD at
10 the time of her passing; in 2015, she successfully ran for a seat on
11 the Alief ISD Board of Trustees, following in the footsteps of her
12 mother, a former member of the board; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Jefferson was a devoted mother to her son,
14 Blake, as well as a caring mentor to countless young people whom she
15 encountered through her work; admired for her radiant smile and her
16 irrepressible can-do attitude, she continuously sought ways to
17 support and encourage everyone around her; in addition to her
18 rapport with others in the teaching profession, she maintained
19 close bonds with her sisters in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and she
20 was also a faithful congregant of Southwest Community Baptist
21 Church; and

22 WHEREAS, Through the kindness and love that she shared, Dédre
23 Jefferson brought a light to the world that can never be
24 extinguished, and she will forever hold a cherished place in the

1 hearts of those who held her dear; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dédé Plesschette
4 Jefferson and extend deepest condolences to all those who mourn her
5 passing; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dédé
9 Plesschette Jefferson.