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H.R. No. 394

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The tragic passing of Judge Cassandra Hollemon of
2 Houston on February 11, 2019, at the age of 57, is a devastating
3 loss to her loved ones as well as to the many people she inspired
4 through her lifelong commitment to justice; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on May 12, 1961, Cassandra Hollemon was a 1994
6 graduate of the South Texas College of Law; she enjoyed a successful
7 career as a criminal law attorney that spanned over two decades,
8 before she decided to seek election to the bench and signed on to
9 the Harris County Democratic Party campaign dubbed "Black Girl
10 Magic"; through her successful bid to become judge of Harris County
11 Criminal Court at Law No. 12, Judge Hollemon was part of an
12 unprecedented wave of 17 African American women jurists who were
13 elected in November 2018 to preside over some of the busiest
14 courtrooms in the state; and

15 WHEREAS, Cassandra Hollemon took the oath of office in
16 January 2019, and though she was only able to serve for a few weeks,
17 she made an impact by joining with her colleagues to settle an
18 important lawsuit affecting the county's cash bail system; she was
19 a member of the Community Supervision and Pretrial Services
20 Committee, and she impressed those who worked alongside her with
21 her respectful manner, her sense of humor, and her commitment to
22 both the welfare of crime victims and the fair treatment of
23 defendants; she exhibited remarkable strength of character
24 throughout her life, and she continued to show up to work before

1 health problems forced her to be hospitalized; and

2 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to her loved ones, Judge Hollemon
3 raised her two children, Brandy and Brandon, alone after being
4 widowed in 1992, and she later took joy in welcoming a
5 granddaughter, Stricen, into her family; she further demonstrated
6 her compassion by caring for her mother before her passing in 2017;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Cassandra Hollemon was tirelessly dedicated
9 to being a force for good in her community, and she will forever
10 hold a treasured place in the hearts of all those whose lives she
11 touched; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Judge Cassandra
14 Hollemon and extend deepest condolences to her family, friends, and
15 colleagues; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Cassandra
19 Hollemon.