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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The tragic passing of Shelbi Nicole Stephens on  
2 April 13, 2019, at the age of 23, has brought a profound loss to  
3 those who loved and cherished her; and

4           WHEREAS, Shelbi Stephens was born in Dallas on March 16,  
5 1996, to Angela and Wayne Stephens; growing up, she was blessed with  
6 the affection of a large family of grandparents, aunts, uncles, and  
7 cousins, and she was the sister of three siblings, Chassidi,  
8 Carrington, and the late Ayden Stephens; she graduated from DeSoto  
9 High School, where she distinguished herself as both a cheerleader  
10 and a majorette and won the state title for twirling in 2014; as a  
11 child, she also participated in the youth praise dance group at  
12 Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, and she later became a  
13 praise dancer at Red Oak Faith Fellowship Church; and

14           WHEREAS, After high school, Ms. Stephens pursued her passion  
15 for hairstyling at MJ's Beauty Academy in Dallas before joining her  
16 sister, Chassidi, on the stylist team at iVibe Beauty Lounge in  
17 Cedar Hill; she made a name for herself in the hair industry and on  
18 social media as "Shelbi the Slayologist" and gained a loyal  
19 following of clients; her specialties included custom wigs,  
20 coloring, and hair extensions, as well as makeup, and she looked  
21 forward to venturing into the cosmetics market with the upcoming  
22 launch of her own lip gloss line; when not at work, she enjoyed  
23 promoting her brand and showing off her renowned styling skills at  
24 hair industry trade shows; and

1           WHEREAS, Ms. Stephens's greatest joy was becoming the mother  
2 of a son, Kaiden Isaiah Sanders, in 2015, and she worked hard to  
3 advance her career in order to provide him with the best life  
4 possible; and

5           WHEREAS, Through the love, kindness, and beauty she shared,  
6 Shelbi Stephens made the world a brighter place for all who knew  
7 her, and they will forever keep her memory alive in their hearts;  
8 now, therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Shelbi Nicole  
11 Stephens and extend deepest condolences to the members of her  
12 family: to her father, Wayne Stephens; to her mother, Angela  
13 Sillemmon; to her son, Kaiden Sanders; to her siblings, Chassidi  
14 Sillemmon and Carrington Stephens; to her grandfather, Willie  
15 Sillemmon; to her grandmother, Nadine Stephens-McKenzie; to her  
16 fiancé, Kaleb Northcutt; and to her numerous other relatives,  
17 friends, and colleagues; and, be it further

18           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Shelbi  
21 Stephens.