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H.R. No. 111

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Cedar Hill lost an admired civic leader
2 with the passing of Monica M. Kenney on November 18, 2023, at the
3 age of 53; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Marshall on November 29, 1969, to Jiles
5 Kenney Jr. and Laverne Kenney, Monica Kenney grew up with the
6 companionship of a younger sister, Vanessa; she graduated with
7 honors from Skyline High School in Dallas before attending Cedar
8 Valley College; her career in banking included work at Chase Bank
9 and Frost Bank, where she rose to the position of senior vice
10 president of commercial lending; as one of the most prominent
11 African American women in her field in the Dallas/Fort Worth
12 Metroplex, she was often invited to share her knowledge and
13 expertise through speaking engagements and participation on
14 panels; and

15 WHEREAS, Actively involved in her community, Ms. Kenney
16 generously contributed to organizations such as the Best Southwest
17 Partnership, Leadership Southwest, and several local chambers of
18 commerce; she was a firm believer in the importance of education,
19 which led to her serving the Cedar Hill Independent School District
20 Education Foundation as president, as vice president of
21 development, and in other roles; and

22 WHEREAS, Above all else, Ms. Kenney was devoted to her three
23 children, Rhyan, Christian, and Courtney, who were the light of her
24 life; she also cherished her nieces, nephews, and extended family,

1 and she always went above and beyond to help her loved ones; and

2 WHEREAS, Although Monica Kenney is deeply missed, she will
3 forever be remembered with admiration and affection by her
4 treasured family and by the numerous other individuals whose lives
5 she touched; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
8 of Monica M. Kenney and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of
9 her family: to her children, Rhyan Taylor, Christian Taylor, and
10 Courtney Kenney; to her mother, Laverne Kenney; to her sister,
11 Vanessa Kenney, and her partner, Brianne; to her nephew/son, Justin
12 Jerome Kenney; to her niece, Brianna Kenney; to her great-nephews,
13 Amir Kenney, Acarion Kenney, and Justin Jerome Kenney Jr.; to her
14 great-niece, Hailey LaCount; and to her other relatives and
15 friends; 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 Monica
19 Kenney.