

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# **S. RES. 342**

Honoring the life and legacy of Laura Pollán.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 1, 2011

Mr. RUBIO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Foreign Relations

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## **RESOLUTION**

Honoring the life and legacy of Laura Pollán.

Whereas Laura Pollán founded the Ladies in White (Damas de Blanco) movement to protest the mass arrest of peaceful dissidents in Cuba;

Whereas the Ladies in White is composed of wives and female relatives of imprisoned political prisoners, prisoners of conscience, and peaceful dissidents in Cuba;

Whereas every Sunday, Laura Pollán led the Ladies in White on peaceful marches to attend Mass;

Whereas Laura Pollán was often subjected to physical and verbal assaults during her weekly peaceful marches;

Whereas Laura Pollán brought international attention to the human- and civil-rights abuses in Cuba; and

Whereas Laura Pollán passed away on October 14, 2011:

Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2                (1) recognizes and honors Laura Pollán for her  
3                peaceful struggle to bring human rights and democ-  
4                racy to Cuba;

5                (2) honors the bravery of Laura Pollán and her  
6                dedication to human and civil rights in Cuba;

7                (3) offers heartfelt condolences to the family,  
8                friends, and loved ones of Laura Pollán; and

9                (4) expresses hope that in memory of Laura  
10               Pollán, peaceful dissidents in Cuba will no longer be  
11               incarcerated or subjected to human-rights abuses.

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