

112TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 342

Honoring the life and legacy of Laura Pollán.

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

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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