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H.R. No. 143

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Shirley Ann Johnson, who passed away on August 29, 2021, at the
3 age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, The youngest child of William and Helen Boyd,
5 Shirley Johnson was born in Norfolk, Virginia, on June 21, 1944; her
6 mother later married Thomas Joyner, and they raised her with the
7 company of her younger sister, Thomasine; after graduating from
8 Booker T. Washington High School, she was joined in matrimony to the
9 love of her life, Rolland L. Johnson Sr.; they were blessed with two
10 children, Rolland and Nicole; and

11 WHEREAS, After the couple settled in Dale City, Virginia,
12 Mrs. Johnson became active in the children's ministry at Little
13 Union Baptist Church in neighboring Dumfries; she gathered her
14 family around the kitchen table for Saturday board games, as well as
15 nightly meals, and she welcomed many local youngsters into her
16 happy home; between work and her children's activities, she was
17 kept very busy, but she made time to participate in civic life; as a
18 delegate to the 1984 Virginia State Democratic Convention, she
19 proudly cast her vote for Jesse Jackson's presidential candidacy;
20 she loved to play softball and volleyball and enjoyed summer
21 vacations at the beach with family and friends, as well as getaways
22 and cruises with her husband; and

23 WHEREAS, A job transfer brought Mrs. and Mr. Johnson to Fort
24 Worth, and they became valued members of First St. John Cathedral,

1 serving as deaconess and deacon; Mrs. Johnson delighted in her role
2 as the treasured "Nana" of nine grandchildren, and she happily
3 chauffeured them everywhere, celebrated their special moments, and
4 treated them to her famous oatmeal cookies and macaroni and cheese;
5 even when battling cancer, she set an example of grace, courage,
6 faith, and resilience; and

7 WHEREAS, Shirley Johnson lived a caring and purposeful life,
8 and she will forever be remembered with deep affection by all who
9 held her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
12 Shirley Ann Johnson and extend sincere condolences to her loved
13 ones: to her husband, Rolland L. Johnson Sr.; to her children,
14 Rolland L. Johnson Jr. and his wife, Corine, and Texas State
15 Representative Nicole D. Collier and her husband, Gary; to her
16 grandchildren, Courtney, Lindsey, Tremaine, Eve, Cameron, Jay,
17 Chris, Astane, and Jasmyne; to her great-grandchildren, Sydney,
18 Hazel, Pearl, Golden, Mo'ney, and Boss; to her sister, Thomasine
19 Hinchey; to her brother-in-law, Walter B. Johnson Jr.; and to her
20 many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Shirley Ann
24 Johnson.