

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 543

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the members of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in recognizing the elder mothers of the congregation on the occasion of the church's Mother's Day celebration; and

WHEREAS, Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church will host its special Mother's Day celebration to honor the remarkable women who have embodied the highest virtues of responsible and loving parenting, and who have dedicated their time and energy to serving their families and ministering to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of their descendants; and

WHEREAS, Golden Mothers Maggie Neal, 96 years old, and Carrie Allyson, 93 years old, exemplify strength, perseverance, and wisdom to their younger spiritual sisters, and Platinum Mother Addie Edwards, 84 years old, is a source of light and wisdom to newer mothers in her congregation; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Blakemore, 78, recipient of the Great-Grandmother Award, raises her three great-grandchildren; she feeds, bathes, and clothes them, takes them to school, and makes sure that they attend church and participate in extracurricular activities; Janice Evans, 83, is a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who helps care for her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Rockmore is a grandmother who helps her daughter care for Bobbie's special-needs grandson, and Brenda Davis, 72, cares for her grandchildren when her daughter is at work; Nancy Pearl, 71, Anna Chappell, 72, and Alice Cleavery, 80, also are loving mothers and inspirational figures to the church mothers; and

WHEREAS, These illustrious women of faith have labored tirelessly and sacrificed selflessly for the good of the generations that came after them, and it is indeed fitting that they receive special recognition for empowering later generations of women to be capable and strong mothers through their individual testimonies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend the outstanding elder mothers of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church for imparting invaluable lessons to their loved ones and extend to all in the congregation best wishes for a memorable and rewarding Mother's Day celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the elder mothers of the church as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 10, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate