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S.R. No. 728

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the kindness and
2 generosity of Gloria Morris Ashford of Dallas, who passed away on
3 March 25, 2023, at the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Samuel and Evelyn Morris, Gloria
5 Ashford was born on October 11, 1930, in Los Angeles and grew up
6 sharing in the companionship of a sister, Eleanor; raised in
7 Annapolis, Maryland, she graduated from the Anne Arundel County
8 Public School System and went on to earn a degree in nursing;
9 devoted to helping others, she enjoyed a rewarding career as a nurse
10 and retired from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dallas
11 after more than 20 years of dedicated service; she was also a loyal
12 and committed union representative; and

13 WHEREAS, Valuing family above all else, Mrs. Ashford raised
14 four children, Willis, Royce, Zina, and Morris, the latter of whom
15 preceded her in death; with the passing years, she had the privilege
16 of seeing her family grow to include 15 grandchildren, 12
17 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Admired for her warm and caring nature and radiant
19 smile, Gloria Ashford brightened the world for all who knew her, and
20 they will forever hold her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be
21 it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
23 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Gloria Morris Ashford and extend
24 heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family: to her children,

1 Willis Kevin West, State Senator Royce Barry West, and Zina Yvetté
2 Ashford; to her grandchildren, Shaniqua, Sammiel, Stephond,
3 Rolando, Roddrick, and Brandon West, Brett Manning, Tara West
4 Franklin, Royce Barry West II, Sessalli, Simone, and Siara Obasuyi,
5 and Fatai Obasuyi II; to her great-grandchildren, Autavia,
6 Natashia, Ryan, Riley, Rose, Roman, and Remington West, T'ria Hurd,
7 Stephond West II, Tiara Franklin, Royce West III, and Brett Manning
8 Jr.; to her great-great-grandchildren, Kaden, Kimora, Kameron,
9 Giovanni, Gianna, Genesis, Nehemiah, and Ni'Ari; and to her other
10 relatives and friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
13 day, it do so in memory of Gloria Ashford.