

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 772

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Clarice Sweeney-Gerald on the special occasion of her 80th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Clarice Sweeney was born May 7, 1931, in Pelham, Texas, to Chestine Pace and P. G. Sweeney; she married Pastor C. H. Gerald on September 17, 1949, and they enjoyed more than 48 years together until his death in 1998; they had seven children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sweeney-Gerald has been a housewife all of her life and served as the First Lady of Community First Baptist Church for 31 years; and

WHEREAS, Her family has grown to include 30 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, who are the source of much joy and happiness in her life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sweeney-Gerald is a revered and respected member of her community and is well known for her wisdom, her generosity, and her compassion for others; friends and family members are gathering at the Lancaster Community Center on May 6, 2011, to celebrate her 80th birthday; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize Clarice Sweeney-Gerald as a treasured citizen of this state and extend to her best wishes for a memorable birthday celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mrs. Sweeney-Gerald 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 April 14, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate