

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 631

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Eva Perkins on the occasion of her 74th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Known affectionately as Mimi by her large and loving extended family, Mrs. Perkins raised seven children as a single mother; after having served as a nurse, she returned to school and graduated magna cum laude with a degree in education from Texas Southern University and entered into a long and fulfilling career as a mathematics teacher; and

WHEREAS, An imaginative and creative educator, Mrs. Perkins utilized such methods as dances, musical ensembles, and prominent speakers to motivate and challenge her students; she was also active in the community as a member of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, and she served as campaign manager for a school board candidate and as chair of Women in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this incredibly busy schedule, she was able to maintain a successful musical career as a gospel singer, church choir director, and soloist for the Houston Mass Choir; her family group, Eva Perkins and the Perkins Singers, recorded "I Shall Not Be Moved," which rose to number one at radio station KFMK; she has received many awards for her distinctive singing style, including the 2013 Legend Trophy; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of her birthday, friends and family members are gathering at Northside Missionary Baptist Church on April 27, 2013, to congratulate her and to share this special occasion in her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Eva Perkins on her many achievements and extend to her best wishes for a memorable 74th birthday celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her 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 10, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate