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H.R. No. 764

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bertha M. Dorian of Houston is celebrating her 85th  
2 birthday on March 16, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, The daughter of George and Naomi Normand, the former  
4 Bertha Normand was born in Beaumont in 1934; she moved to Houston in  
5 1952, and she met her future husband, Louis Dorian, at Our Mother of  
6 Mercy Catholic Church; the couple became the parents of four  
7 children, Shyrel, John Louis, Bridgette, and Tyrone, and they  
8 adopted two more children, Brenda and Wanda; and

9 WHEREAS, After completing her education at Old Taylor School  
10 of Nursing, Mrs. Dorian worked at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital,  
11 St. Elizabeth Hospital, and St. Joseph's Hospital before joining a  
12 private physician's practice; she went on to obtain certification  
13 in psychiatric social work, and she was employed for 26 years by  
14 Harris County Mental Health and Mental Retardation; in addition,  
15 she and her husband were the proud proprietors of C & L Shoe Repair  
16 in the Fifth Ward; following Mr. Dorian's death in 1991, Tyrone and  
17 Lillie Dorian helped Mrs. Dorian carry on the business until 2003;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, At the age of 65, this caring woman began raising an  
20 infant great-granddaughter, Matea Barrett-Dangerfield, and they  
21 have been inseparable since; her fine family has also grown to  
22 include five grandchildren and four additional  
23 great-grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, For 40 years, Mrs. Dorian sang in the Our Mother of

1 Mercy Gospel Choir, and she has given freely of her time and talents  
2 to the Northeast Chapter of the Drexler Society; her church  
3 presented her with its Woman of the Year Service Award, and her  
4 accolades also include the George Foreman Award for Community  
5 Service; and

6       WHEREAS, Blessed with a devoted family and admiring friends,  
7 Bertha Dorian is a source of joy and inspiration to all who have the  
8 great privilege of knowing her and sharing in the richness of her  
9 life; now, therefore, be it

10       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Bertha M. Dorian on her 85th  
12 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
13 happiness; and, be it further

14       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Mrs. Dorian as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.