

By: West

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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Dallas in mourning the loss of Vestana Cornelius Wollos, who died September 21, 2021, at the age of 108; and

WHEREAS, Vestana Wollos was born in the Queen City community of Dallas on December 12, 1912; she was the seventh and youngest child of the late Dennis and Eliza Wollos, and she attended Booker T. Washington High School, the only area school for black students; and

WHEREAS, This treasured Texan was baptized at Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church at the age of 12, and over the next 80 years, she faithfully served the church in numerous capacities; in her youth, she was a member of several auxiliaries, and she later taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School; she established Family Night at the church, and she was a full-time employee of the church's day-care center for 16 years; her passion for service had inspired her to attain her nursing license, and she enjoyed two decades of service as a nurse at Methodist Hospital from the mid-1950s until her retirement in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Vestana was the mother of two children, and she was blessed with a family of nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren, who enriched her life immeasurably; and

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WHEREAS, A cherished matriarch and an esteemed member of her community, Vestana Wollos was a source of strength to her friends and loved ones through her kind spirit and her faithful Christian devotion; she was beloved by many, and she will long be remembered with respect and admiration by all who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Vestana Cornelius Wollos; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Vestana Wollos.