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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories of Eddie Marie Bailey Virgil of Freeport, who passed away on April 3, 2021, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Hosea Bailey Sr. and Eddie Lee DeWalt, the former Eddie Bailey was born on August 28, 1943, in Livingston and grew up with three siblings, Robert Lynn, Earl, and Hosea; she graduated from Wheatley High School in 1961 and she went on to attend Texas Southern University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Virgil was employed as an assistant in a photo processing plant in Houston before enjoying a long career with Dow Chemical Company that spanned more than two and a half decades; over the course of her tenure with the company, she worked in the security department at facilities in Midland, Michigan, and Freeport, Texas; after her retirement, she served as a substitute teacher in the Brazosport Independent School District for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, A valued member of her community, Mrs. Virgil participated in a number of notable civic organizations, including the City of Freeport Beautification Committee, where she served as chair; she was also a devoted advocate for voting rights, and she regularly registered voters and hosted campaign events for candidates; sustained by a deep faith, she was a congregant of multiple churches through the years, and she held such positions as the women's mission chair and president, the church announcement clerk, and most recently, the Sunday school superintendent at First United Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Virgil enjoyed the love and support of her husband, Simon Virgil Jr., and she took great pride in their children, Darryl, Derrick, D'Andrea, and Ashley; with the passing years, she had the pleasure of seeing her family grow to include 10 grandchildren, Quinton, Bralynne, Brandon, Shanton, Darryl, Lashelle, Aeriel, Drew, Drake, and Daschel, and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Virgil lived a life that was rich in family, friends, and community service, and those who were privileged to share in her love and affection will forever hold her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Eddie Marie Bailey Virgil and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn her passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eddie Virgil.