

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends were deeply saddened by the  
2 passing of admired vocalist Shirley Baines of Houston on January  
3 15, 2021, at the age of 69; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Houston on March 9, 1951, Shirley Baines  
5 grew up in the historic Fifth Ward and graduated from Phillis  
6 Wheatley High School; she went on to earn her bachelor's degree in  
7 music education at Texas Southern University and studied vocal  
8 techniques under noted private instructors, at the University of  
9 Arizona, and through the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City,  
10 the Merola Opera Program of the San Francisco Opera Company, and the  
11 American Institute of Musical Studies in Austria; and

12           WHEREAS, Ms. Baines toured the country with Broadway  
13 companies and performed in Europe and Asia as well; her soprano  
14 repertoire ranged from classical music to art songs and spirituals,  
15 and she loved to promote the works of African American composers;  
16 among numerous accolades, she received the national Dealy Award in  
17 the vocal category, as well as the top National Soloist Bureau Award  
18 of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses; and

19           WHEREAS, Dedicated to her profession, Ms. Baines maintained  
20 a number of affiliations, among them the Houston Metropolitan  
21 Chorale, the American Guild of Musical Artists, and the National  
22 Association for the Study and Performance of African American  
23 Music; she was also a lifelong member of Pleasant Hill Baptist  
24 Church in the Fifth Ward; and

1           WHEREAS, Shirley Baines brought joy to countless people  
2 through her musical gifts, and although she will be greatly missed  
3 by those she left behind, she will forever hold a special place in  
4 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Shirley Baines and  
7 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be it  
8 further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for her loved ones and that when the Texas House of  
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Shirley  
12 Baines.

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H.R. No. 47

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 47 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 10, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House