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H.R. No. 1723

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

17           WHEREAS, A valued member of her community, Mrs. Virgil  
18 participated in a number of notable civic organizations, including  
19 the City of Freeport Beautification Committee, where she served as  
20 chair; she was also a devoted advocate for voting rights, and she  
21 regularly registered voters and hosted campaign events for  
22 candidates; sustained by a deep faith, she was a congregant of  
23 multiple churches through the years, and she held such positions as  
24 the women's mission chair and president, the church announcement

1 clerk, and most recently, the Sunday school superintendent at First  
2 United Baptist Church; and

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

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

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

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