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H.R. No. 46

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bertha M. Dorian of Houston is celebrating her 90th  
2 birthday on March 16, 2024; 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 MHMR; in addition, she and her husband were the proud  
15 proprietors of C & L Shoe Repair in the Fifth Ward; following  
16 Mr. Dorian's death in 1991, Mrs. Dorian joined with Tyrone and  
17 Lillie Dorian to carry on the business until 2003; and

18           WHEREAS, Through the years, Mrs. Dorian's fine family has  
19 grown to include seven grandchildren and seven  
20 great-grandchildren; at the age of 65, this caring woman began  
21 raising her great-granddaughter Matea Barrett-Dangerfield, who was  
22 then an infant, and they have been inseparable ever since; and

23           WHEREAS, For 40 years, Mrs. Dorian sang in the Our Mother of  
24 Mercy Gospel Choir, and she has given freely of her time and talents

1 to the Northeast Chapter of the Drexler Society; her church  
2 presented her with its Woman of the Year Service Award, and her  
3 accolades also include the George Foreman Award for Community  
4 Service; she currently participates in the senior program and the  
5 water aerobics classes at the Julia C. Hester House community  
6 center in the Fifth Ward; moreover, she recently took part in a  
7 creative initiative sponsored by the Glassell School of Art at the  
8 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the story and collage produced  
9 during the project will be exhibited at the museum in early 2024;  
10 and

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

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
16 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Bertha  
17 M. Dorian on her 90th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes  
18 for continued happiness; and, be it further

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