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#### SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Doris Jean Gary, an esteemed Texan and beloved matriarch, who died on November 15, 2024, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Doris Gary was born in El Campo on April 16, 1949, to Mary Lee Anderson and Mose Gary Jr., who raised her by loving example; one of four daughters, she grew up alongside her sisters, Linda, Delores, and Melody, and benefited from their companionship and the close bonds they shared; she attended E. A. Greer High School, where she was a valued member of the school band and graduated in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Doris Gary met Calvin McBride Jr. in 1969 while attending school, and they went on to marry and became the proud parents of two children, Bonnie Michelle and Kevin; Doris later married Robert Sykes of Austin in 1981, and they were blessed with three children, Katrina, Tiffaney, and Robert; in 1993, she moved to Fort Worth, where she worked until retiring in 2013 and returning to the Austin area; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Doris had the pleasure of welcoming into her family 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, who enriched her life immeasurably; a devoted mother and grandmother, she cherished spending quality time with her loved ones and enjoyed cooking meals for them; she

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was a woman of strong spiritual faith and was a loyal member of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, where she played the organ; and

WHEREAS, Noted for her radiant and ever-present smile, Doris Gary was a source of light in the lives of all who knew her through her kindness, her optimistic outlook, and her sweet and generous spirit; she leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, and dedication to family, and her memory will be forever treasured by her loved ones and by all who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Doris Jean Gary and extend sincere condolences to the members of her bereaved family: to her children, Bonnie Michelle McBride Hill, and her husband, Christopher, Kevin Lashawn McBride, Katrina Latrice Sykes, Tiffaney Renee Sykes, and Robert Sykes Jr.; to her sisters, Delores McIntosh, and her husband, Mac, and Melody Gary-Wyatt, and her husband, Jim; to her grandchildren, Sequoia, Montenique, Kevin, Elijah, Isaiah, Nina, Victoria, Daniah, Daniel, Jayden, and Kimora; to her great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Zion, and Zaylana; to her stepson, Kevin Anthony Walker; and to her many other loving extended relatives; 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 Doris Jean Gary.