

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 728

**In Memory
of
Gloria Ashford**

WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the kindness and generosity of Gloria Morris Ashford of Dallas, who passed away on March 25, 2023, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Samuel and Evelyn Morris, Gloria Ashford was born on October 11, 1930, in Los Angeles and grew up sharing in the companionship of a sister, Eleanor; raised in Annapolis, Maryland, she graduated from the Anne Arundel County Public School System and went on to earn a degree in nursing; devoted to helping others, she enjoyed a rewarding career as a nurse and retired from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dallas after more than 20 years of dedicated service; she was also a loyal and committed union representative; and

WHEREAS, Valuing family above all else, Mrs. Ashford raised four children, Willis, Royce, Zina, and Morris, the latter of whom preceded her in death; with the passing years, she had the privilege of seeing her family grow to include 15 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Admired for her warm and caring nature and radiant smile, Gloria Ashford brightened the world for all who knew her, and they will forever hold her close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Gloria Morris Ashford and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of her

family: to her children, Willis Kevin West, State Senator Royce Barry West, and Zina Yvette Ashford; to her grandchildren, Shaniqua, Sammiel, Stephond, Rolando, Roddrick, and Brandon West, Brett Manning, Tara West Franklin, Royce Barry West II, Sessalli, Simone, and Siara Obasuyi, and Fatai Obasuyi II; to her great-grandchildren, Autavia, Natasha, Ryan, Riley, Rose, Roman, and Remington West, T'ria Hurd, Stephond West II, Tiara Franklin, Royce West III, and Brett Manning Jr.; to her great-great-grandchildren, Kaden, Kimora, Kameron, Giovanni, Gianna, Genesis, Nehemiah, and Ni'Ari; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gloria Ashford.

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Alvarado	Hancock	Nichols
Bettencourt	Hinojosa	Parker
Birdwell	Huffman	Paxton
Blanco	Johnson	Perry
Campbell	King	Schwertner
Creighton	Kolkhorst	Sparks
Eckhardt	LaMantia	Springer
Flores	Menéndez	West
Gutierrez	Middleton	Whitmire
Hall	Miles	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate