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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly  
2 cause for celebration, and Ofelia Mata Lugo Garcia is marking this  
3 momentous milestone in her life on September 30, 2021; and

4           WHEREAS, The daughter of Secundino Mata and Toribia Lugo, the  
5 former Ofelia Mata Lugo was born in San Pedro, Tamaulipas, Mexico,  
6 in 1921; both her parents died while she was quite young, and her  
7 aunt Loretta Lugo helped to raise her and her siblings Jose,  
8 Guadalupe "Lupita," Virginia, Pilar, and Humberto; her family also  
9 included two more brothers, Alfonso and Julian; she married Leonel  
10 Garcia Sanchez on October 7, 1950, and they became the parents of  
11 five children, Ruben, Salvador, Bertha, Leonel, and Dora Elia; and

12           WHEREAS, Early in her marriage, Mrs. Garcia lived next to her  
13 in-laws in Rancho La Palangana, Tamaulipas, and she adored her  
14 husband's young siblings as though they were her own; while he  
15 worked across the border in Mercedes, she cared for her ailing aunt  
16 until her passing in 1963; Mrs. Garcia and her children then joined  
17 Mr. Garcia in Mercedes, and she became a proud U.S. citizen in 1967;  
18 they traveled with their extended family to Ohio and Michigan for  
19 seasonal agricultural work, and Mrs. Garcia treasures her memories  
20 of this era because while picking and packaging vegetables and  
21 fruit, she delighted in the company of so many loved ones; at home,  
22 she enjoyed gardening, cooking, dancing, and listening to music  
23 while doing her chores; and

24           WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Garcia is the treasured matriarch of a

1 fine family that has grown to include 13 grandchildren and 24  
2 great-grandchildren; she continues to cheer on the Mercedes Tigers  
3 and Dallas Cowboys, and her wonderful sense of humor brightens the  
4 days of her family and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Ofelia Garcia has met the challenges and  
6 opportunities of a long life with grace and optimism, and she is a  
7 source of wisdom, joy, and inspiration to all who are fortunate  
8 enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
10 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Ofelia Garcia  
11 on her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for  
12 continued happiness; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Mrs. Garcia as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.