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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rose Brooks of San Marcos celebrated her 90th  
2 birthday on August 18, 2023, to the great delight of her family and  
3 friends; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in the rural community of Redwood in 1933, the  
5 former Rose Lee Kirk is the daughter of Clint and Sophronia Kirk;  
6 she grew up with six siblings, Clint, Wilbert, Wallace, Roy, Earl,  
7 and Linda; when she was eight, her parents moved from their farm to  
8 San Marcos in order to provide the children with a better education;  
9 she attended what was known as San Marcos Colored School during  
10 segregation and went on to become her family's first college  
11 graduate; working her way through Huston-Tillotson University, she  
12 earned a bachelor's degree in business; and

13           WHEREAS, Mrs. Brooks taught at People's Business College  
14 before embarking on a career in social services, initially with  
15 Community Action, an agency created as part of President Lyndon  
16 Baines Johnson's War on Poverty; as an outreach worker, she  
17 connected people in need with important resources; later, she  
18 joined Gary Job Corps Center and battled gender discrimination in  
19 order to become a supervisor; she retired in 2000, following more  
20 than three decades of service; over the years, she has further  
21 benefited her fellow citizens as a member of the housing board and  
22 various municipal committees, as well as such organizations as the  
23 NAACP, the Women's Political Caucus, and the San Marcos Education  
24 Foundation; she has also been very active in the Democratic Party,

1 serving as a precinct chair and delegate to state and national  
2 conventions; a strong champion of education, she established a  
3 scholarship program that has flourished for nearly a half century,  
4 supported by a popular Juneteenth cake auction; her many honors  
5 include the San Marcos Community Senior Citizen Volunteer Award;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Having reached a significant milestone, this  
8 admired matriarch may indeed reflect with pride on her many  
9 accomplishments and wide-ranging contributions to her community;  
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
12 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Rose Brooks on  
13 the joyous occasion of her 90th birthday and extend to her sincere  
14 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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