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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed
2 cause for celebration, and Ethelyn Szad Bell of Bonham marked that
3 special milestone on October 4, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Ethelyn Szad was born in Wallingford,
5 Connecticut, in 1923; in March 1945, she was inducted into the
6 U.S. Army, and she completed the basic training course for army
7 nurses at Fort Devens, Massachusetts; she proudly served during
8 World War II with the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in the Philippines and
9 Nagoya, Japan, rising to the rank of second lieutenant before being
10 honorably discharged in the summer of 1946; in recognition of her
11 dedicated service, she received a citation from President
12 Harry S. Truman; and

13 WHEREAS, Following the war, Mrs. Bell was employed at the
14 Veterans Administration Hospital in McKinney; she later
15 distinguished herself in her work as a school nurse at the North
16 Ward and West Ward Elementary Schools in McKinney prior to her
17 retirement; and

18 WHEREAS, On October 16, 1948, she exchanged wedding vows with
19 army veteran Charles Bell and they shared a rewarding marriage
20 spanning more than five and a half decades before Mr. Bell's
21 passing in 2005; in the early years of their marriage, the couple
22 made their home in Prosper, where they raised their two children,
23 Tom and Cindy; and

24 WHEREAS, Over the course of a century, Ethelyn Bell has not

1 only bravely served her nation but has also met the challenges and
2 opportunities of a long life with grace and fortitude, and she is
3 blessed with the deep respect and lasting affection of a host of
4 loved ones; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd
6 Called Session, hereby congratulate Ethelyn Szad Bell on the joyous
7 occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes
8 for continued happiness; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mrs. Bell as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 Senate.