

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ernestine Lawson is celebrating her 100th birthday
2 on December 23, 2023, and this occasion provides a welcome
3 opportunity for family and friends to express the love and
4 affection they hold for her; and

5 WHEREAS, The daughter of Charlie and Mattie Price, the former
6 Ernestine Price was born in Winona, Texas, near Tyler, in 1923; she
7 grew up as the fifth of six siblings in her close-knit family; after
8 attending elementary and junior high school in Dawson, she went on
9 to graduate from high school in Tyler; and

10 WHEREAS, She was joined in matrimony to Charles Lawson, and
11 they were blessed with five children; Mrs. Lawson devoted herself
12 to their upbringing until the youngest graduated from high school;
13 subsequently, she continued her own education, earning a medical
14 certificate from St. Philip's College; she went on to care for
15 patients at Baptist Hospital for 27 years; and

16 WHEREAS, An engaged citizen and woman of faith, Mrs. Lawson
17 was very involved in her community and her church; she set an
18 example of grace and fortitude in her victory over lung cancer at
19 the age of 70; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lawson continued to attend exercise and dance
21 classes well into her nineties, and she remains vibrant and active;
22 her fine family has grown to include six generations, who fondly
23 call her "Madea"; and

24 WHEREAS, Meeting life's challenges with resilience,

1 optimism, and determination, Ernestine Lawson holds a special place
2 in the hearts of her friends and loved ones, and she is an enduring
3 source of inspiration to all who are fortunate enough to know her;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
6 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Ernestine
7 Lawson on the occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her
8 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 102

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 102 was adopted by the House on
December 5, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House