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R E S O L U T I O N

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

5           WHEREAS, The former Frances Tankersley was born in Abilene in  
6 1923 to William Gaddis Tankersley and Mary Lea Pinegar Tankersley,  
7 and she grew up with three siblings, Cleon, Randall, and Billye  
8 Jean; her family relocated to Shamrock, Oklahoma, and then to  
9 Austin, where she graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School and  
10 was a member of the Red Jackets dance team; she earned a pharmacy  
11 degree from The University of Texas in 1944, and she became one of  
12 only a few women working as a pharmacist at the time; and

13           WHEREAS, She met her future husband, James Messer, when she  
14 was a student at UT, and the couple were blessed with three  
15 children; in the early 1950s, Mrs. Messer and her family moved to  
16 San Antonio, and there she became an active volunteer with local and  
17 statewide dental auxiliaries and with her church; and

18           WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Messer is the proud matriarch of a  
19 family that includes her three daughters and sons-in-law, Dianne  
20 and Jack Pool, Nancy and Grover Campbell, and Janet and Greg  
21 Anderson, her five grandchildren, Jeff, Logan, Lee, Elizabeth, and  
22 William, and her three great-grandchildren, Tiegan, Hunter, and  
23 Henley; a woman of many interests and talents, she is a loyal UT  
24 football fan and a gifted cook, and she has traveled to numerous

1 countries around the world; and

2           WHEREAS, Frances Messer is a source of tremendous  
3 inspiration, and in sharing the experience gained through a century  
4 of life well lived, she bestows a precious gift of wisdom that  
5 benefits all who are fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore,  
6 be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Frances Tankersley Messer on her  
9 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
10 happiness; and, be it further

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