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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Marlin Community Garden Club on the occasion of its 100th anniversary on March 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by the Philadelphia Garden Club, Ida Pauleen Linthicum founded the Marlin Community Garden Club, the first gardening club in Texas, in 1923; Ida served as the club's first president, with Mrs. J. B. Billingsley as first vice president; as a result of their vision and leadership, the club became a charter member of Texas Garden Clubs, Incorporated, in 1928; and

WHEREAS, Early activities within the Community Garden Club included educational lectures on garden design, floral arrangement, botanical histories, and other gardening topics; the club founded the annual flower show in 1927, and members have promoted and celebrated local beautification for the past century; and

WHEREAS, Through the ongoing support of the Marlin community and its residents, the club has continued to thrive through expanded outreach to engage young adults in its activities; the club's recent projects include the replanting of the Falls County Courthouse rose garden and maintaining the Liberty Bell rose garden and the City Hall garden; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Community Garden Club provides the

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residents of Marlin and the Lone Star State with lush and vibrant gardens, and all who have contributed to the garden club's success can reflect with pride on its long history of service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Marlin Community Garden Club on their service to their community and their contributions to gardening in Texas and extend to all congratulations on the club's 100th anniversary and best wishes for a memorable centennial celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the club as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.