

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 100th birthday is truly cause for a celebration,
2 and on July 5, 2003, Eunice Exa Hitt of Hainesville marked this
3 joyous milestone at a party at the Mineola home of Larry and Sue
4 Wisdom in the company of her family and many friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Nannie," she was born on
6 July 3, 1903, in Van Zandt County, near Van; the fourth of seven
7 children in the family of Ezra and Ola Tunnell, she attended
8 Creagleville schools and worked in the cotton fields, earning about
9 \$1 a day, money that helped support the family; she recalls a happy
10 childhood that included fishing for crawdads and performing such
11 chores as milking cows, raising chickens, washing clothes on a rub
12 board, and drawing water from a well; and

13 WHEREAS, This lovely lady met Milton Hitt at the Creagleville
14 School; the couple were married in 1920, when she was 17 years old,
15 and she became the first of her siblings to marry and leave home;
16 Mrs. Hitt and her husband lived on a cotton farm they rented until
17 buying their own farm in 1948, near Grand Saline; and

18 WHEREAS, An independent woman throughout her life, Mrs. Hitt
19 attained her driver's license in the 1960s, continued to drive
20 until 1998, and still owns her red sports car; and

21 WHEREAS, Since 1979, she has lived in a home on property owned
22 by her daughter and son-in-law, Chloee and Tom Flournoy, and she
23 continues to display her trademark independence; and

24 WHEREAS, The family's designated "queen of fishing," Mrs.

1 Hitt caught eight fish on a recent outing with a granddaughter; her
2 avid interest in sports is particularly focused on the Texas
3 Rangers and the Dallas Cowboys, and she proudly displays in her
4 living room a football that was autographed by Roger Staubach;
5 Christmas is a favorite time of year for this inspiring woman, who
6 values God, her family, hard work, honesty, self-reliance, and a
7 desire to make the most of each day; and

8 WHEREAS, For 100 years, Eunice Exa Hitt has lived a full life,
9 and she continues to share her affection and delightful sense of
10 humor with a wide circle of loved ones who cherish her company; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Eunice Exa
14 "Nannie" Hitt on the centennial of her birth and extend to her
15 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 41

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 41 was adopted by the House on July 10, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House