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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.