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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 congratulate Maria Rivera Molina on her 100th birthday, which is
3 indeed a memorable occasion and one worthy of special recognition;
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5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, she was born on August 3, 1903, in
6 Cuevitas, in western Hidalgo County, and is a lifelong resident of
7 the Rio Grande Valley; and

8 WHEREAS, This lovely lady married Enrique Molina in 1924, and
9 they were blessed with 10 children: Esther, Moises, Olivia,
10 Leonor, Enrique, Leonel, Gloria, Jose, Jesus, and Vicenta; the
11 couple supported their family through employment as farmworkers,
12 traveling throughout the Lone Star State to harvest cotton,
13 vegetables, and fruit, and they enjoyed a rewarding relationship
14 until Mr. Molina's passing in 1961; Mrs. Molina maintained a home
15 that radiated warmth, love, and compassion, and her homemaking
16 skills provided well for her children; and

17 WHEREAS, "Doña Maria," as she is respectfully known, enjoys
18 the love and affection of her large extended family, which today
19 includes 24 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, and five
20 great-great-grandchildren; this compassionate woman also provided
21 a home to more than 50 children during the period she served as a
22 foster mother; and

23 WHEREAS, For 100 years, Maria Rivera Molina has lived a full
24 life as a devoted daughter, wife, mother, and beloved matriarch;

1 through her abiding love for her family and her faith and her
2 generous friendship, she has made a lasting difference in the lives
3 of many, and she remains an inspiration to all those who are
4 privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Maria Rivera
7 Molina on the joyous occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to
8 her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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