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H.R. No. 11

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 90th birthday is truly cause for a celebration,
2 and on July 21, 2003, Alceste Cerwinske of Houston marked this
3 significant occasion in her life; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on July 21, 1913, in Alta, Iowa, she was a music
5 major graduate of Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa, after
6 which she embarked on a high school teaching career before her
7 marriage; and

8 WHEREAS, This lovely lady married Herbert Cerwinske on
9 December 28, 1938, and the couple will celebrate their 65th
10 anniversary this year; their rewarding relationship is blessed with
11 a fine family, including three daughters, who moved with their
12 parents in 1952 from Montclair, New Jersey, to Houston; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cerwinske was employed with the Spring Branch
14 Independent School District for many years in roles that included
15 substitute teacher, census taker, test grader, and recordkeeper;
16 her volunteer activities have included serving as a church organist
17 and as an organist accompanying a choral group that performed at
18 area nursing homes, and she was active in PTA and drill team and
19 band booster groups, and as a homeroom mother during her children's
20 school years; and

21 WHEREAS, A charter member of The Country Playhouse, a
22 community theater in the Spring Branch/Memorial area that was
23 founded in 1956, Mrs. Cerwinske continues to play an active role in
24 the organization and currently coordinates volunteers to staff the

1 refreshment stand during productions; over the course of her
2 extensive involvement with the organization, she performed in
3 numerous plays, handled administrative duties, and served as box
4 office chair for 15 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Another venue in which this civic-minded individual
6 continues to benefit her community is by working a volunteer shift
7 three days a week at a resale shop sponsored by a local church; and

8 WHEREAS, For nine decades, Alceste Cerwinske has lived a life
9 full of caring and generosity; her warmth and wisdom enrich the
10 lives of countless Texans and she is cherished by her family and
11 host of friends; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Alceste
14 Cerwinske on the joyous occasion of her 90th birthday and extend to
15 her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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