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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 107th birthday is truly cause for a celebration,
2 and on September 11, 2003, Millard Sheppard of Waco observed this
3 notable occasion in his life with a party in the company of his
4 family and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheppard was born in Wilmington, Delaware, in
6 1896, the year that Henry Ford built a horseless carriage that was a
7 forerunner of the modern automobile; he has lived through a
8 remarkable period of history that has spanned the 19th to the 21st
9 centuries and witnessed two World Wars, the Great Depression, the
10 advent of radio, television, and the Internet, the civil rights
11 movement, and countless other technological advances and
12 world-changing events; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheppard was personally hired by Pierre du Pont
14 to work for DuPont in Wilmington, where his father was also
15 employed; one of his projects over the course of his 40-year career
16 as a designer was creating parts used in the construction of the
17 atomic bomb; he retired in the late 1960s; and

18 WHEREAS, He met his future bride, Gracie, at his church, and
19 the couple married in 1917 and enjoyed a rewarding relationship
20 until her passing in 1965; Mr. Sheppard cherishes his family that
21 today includes his daughter, Edna L. Hull, three grandchildren, and
22 four great-grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, At home at the Meadowlands Terrace, this esteemed
24 gentleman is a favorite among both staff and fellow residents; he

1 remains very independent and in good health and attributes his
2 longevity to happiness; and

3 WHEREAS, The birthday of Mr. Sheppard provides a fitting
4 opportunity to honor this beloved man who remains an inspiration to
5 all who are privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Millard
8 Sheppard on the momentous occasion of his 107th birthday and extend
9 to him heartfelt best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mr. Sheppard as an expression of high esteem by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.