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H.R. No. 272

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mildred Orville Guilmenot Gipson commemorated a
2 momentous occasion with the celebration of her 90th birthday on
3 January 25, 2004; and

4 WHEREAS, The first of six children, Mrs. Gipson was born on
5 January 25, 1914, in Corpus Christi to loving parents Richard
6 Arthur Guilmenot and Millie Evers; after completing high school,
7 she continued her education at St. Philip's College; and

8 WHEREAS, A devoted wife to her husband, Earl, and a loving
9 stepmother to his son, Earl Gipson, Jr., she has watched with joy as
10 her family has blossomed, growing to include an extensive circle of
11 nieces, nephews, and stepgrandchildren, all of whom have greatly
12 benefited from Mrs. Gipson's wit and wisdom; and

13 WHEREAS, During World War II, this remarkable woman joined
14 the war effort, showing her support for her country and her
15 brothers, who were bravely defending the United States; a defense
16 worker at Kelly Air Force Base, Mrs. Gipson excelled at repairing
17 and rebuilding aircraft instruments, earning frequent praise for
18 the quality and quantity of her production; after the war, she
19 embarked on a civil service career at the air force base, eventually
20 becoming the first woman to serve as the base's equipment
21 management officer for the motor pool, a position that placed the
22 authorization for the use of any vehicle under her direct
23 supervision; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition to performing her important work, Mrs.

1 Gipson has long been a champion of civil rights; deeply committed to
2 the Morale Committee, a group devoted to ensuring equality for
3 African Americans at the air force base, she strove to improve
4 working conditions and employment opportunities for all employees;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, After an impressive 39 years of service, Mrs. Gipson
7 retired in 1982 at the age of 69; along with a childhood friend, she
8 helped form the Carver Volunteers, a group committed to the support
9 and assistance of the Carver Community Cultural Center, and she
10 served on the center's board, providing much-appreciated advice and
11 counsel; and

12 WHEREAS, An avid reader who enjoys literature and history,
13 Mrs. Gipson has instilled a love of learning in her family members
14 and prides herself on her extensive library; and

15 WHEREAS, Mildred Orville Guilmenot Gipson is a true joy and
16 blessing to all who know her; her warmth, humor, knowledge, and
17 vivacity have been a continual source of inspiration to her
18 countless friends and family members; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
20 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Mildred
21 Orville Guilmenot Gipson on the milestone of her 90th birthday and
22 extend to her best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mrs. Gipson as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.