CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1   WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of Martelia Garnet Reaves of El
2 Paso on March 10, 2003, will commemorate another important
3 milestone for a woman who has not only lived life, but has embraced
4 it to the fullest; and

5   WHEREAS, Mrs. Reaves finds great joy in reading and has a
6 fondness for good mystery novels; she receives about 40 books a
7 month from the Talking Book Program of the Texas State Library and
8 Archives Commission, which has enabled her to continue her passion
9 for reading throughout her golden years; and

10   WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has witnessed many
11 significant changes and developments during her long and fruitful
12 life; and

13   WHEREAS, She has seen the horse-drawn carriages of her youth
14 replaced by modern automobiles that travel across our country on
15 intricate ribbons of highway; born in a time before airplanes, she
16 has lived to see the age of rockets and to witness the incredible
17 sight of a human being treading the surface of Earth's moon; and

18   WHEREAS, Not all of her memories have been pleasant ones; she
19 has witnessed the pain of two world wars and lived through the Great
20 Depression, but she has also seen the love, compassion, and decency
21 that abide in the human heart and the hope and determination with
22 which young people seek a better future; and

23   WHEREAS, Throughout her many rewarding years, this gracious
24 lady has brought joy and happiness to the countless people whose

1 lives she has touched, and she has earned the lasting respect and

2 affection of all who are privileged to know her; now, therefore, be

3 it

4   RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas

5 hereby honor Martelia Garnet Reaves on the momentous occasion of

6 her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for the

7 future; and, be it further

8   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

9 prepared for Mrs. Reaves as an expression of high regard by the

10 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.