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H.C.R. No. 249

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A great Texan, Ross Snodgrass of Kerrville, was born
2 on May 12, 1903, on the Divide near Mountain Home, Texas, and he
3 remains a blessing to all who know him 100 years after his birth;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The son of V. B. Snodgrass, Sr., and Mary Georgiana
6 Hatch Snodgrass, he was reared on a ranch with his six siblings, all
7 of whom were inspired by their parents' pioneer spirit and
8 determination to leave the world a better place than they found it;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Snodgrass was taught the value of hard work from
11 an early age, regularly accompanying his father on 100-mile trips
12 to Kerrville by wagon to purchase enough supplies to last the family
13 six months; not surprisingly, he and his brothers, Bryce and
14 Volney, became top-notch cowboys, and Mr. Snodgrass forever secured
15 his place in the annals of Kerrville history when he participated in
16 the last cattle drive to Kerr County in 1925; and

17 WHEREAS, On July 1, 1933, at a tiny church in Comfort, Mr.
18 Snodgrass took Clarabelle Victoria Barton as his bride, and this
19 devoted husband loves to joke that they have now been married longer
20 than many people live; the couple met at a dance and, during their
21 first 10 years of marriage, had a dance band named The
22 Whippoorwills, and they can still "cut a rug" together to this day;
23 the two owned T and Lazy T Ranch where they resided and ranched
24 until moving to Kerrville on their retirement in 1968; and

1 WHEREAS, At 100 years of age, Mr. Snodgrass has no aches or
2 pains, enjoys a flourishing mind, possesses a zest for living, and
3 does not take his longevity for granted, having suffered a serious
4 bout with anthrax during the 1920s; the love, wit, encouragement,
5 and inspiration of this beloved gentleman continue to be a
6 priceless treasure to his wife, to his children, Jeri and David
7 Snodgrass, and to his many other relatives and friends, and it is a
8 pleasure to join them in honoring this distinguished native son of
9 the Lone Star State as he commemorates a century of life well lived;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
12 hereby honor Ross Snodgrass on the momentous occasion of his 100th
13 birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
14 happiness; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. Snodgrass as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.