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H.R. No. 215

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, March 2, 2003, marks a milestone in the life of Mabel  
2 Margaret Wingate Lawrence of Orange, for on Texas Independence Day  
3 she celebrates her 80th birthday; and

4           WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mrs. Lawrence was born in Orange in  
5 1923, and she has made the community her home throughout her life;  
6 she married D. D. "Buck" Lawrence, Jr., in 1942, and the couple  
7 enjoyed a long and devoted union until his passing in 1984; and

8           WHEREAS, The mother of 15 cherished children, Mrs. Lawrence  
9 worked diligently to make the most of her family's income while her  
10 children were growing up, and she takes great pride in having been  
11 able to send each of her children to Catholic schools; and

12           WHEREAS, Since that time, her children have embarked on  
13 careers in medicine, engineering, banking, and law enforcement, as  
14 well as various other professional endeavors, and her extended  
15 family has grown to include 50 grandchildren and 13  
16 great-grandchildren; and

17           WHEREAS, A former Republican Party precinct judge, Mrs.  
18 Lawrence continues to give generously of her time and talents to  
19 various noteworthy organizations in her community, including St.  
20 Mary's Catholic Church, St. Mary's School, and the Republican Party  
21 of Orange County; and

22           WHEREAS, Blessed with a large and loving family, a rich  
23 history of community service, and eight decades of wonderful  
24 memories, Mrs. Lawrence truly has reason to celebrate; now,

1 therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Mabel Margaret Wingate Lawrence on  
4 the joyous occasion of her 80th birthday and extend to her sincere  
5 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for Mrs. Lawrence as an expression of high regard by the  
8 Texas House of Representatives.