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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 96th birthday is truly cause for a celebration,
2 and on April 30, 2003, Jewel Winder of Nacogdoches is marking this
3 special occasion in her life; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Winder exemplifies the strength and
5 perseverance of the pioneer women who helped Texas become the
6 inspiring symbol of independence and self-sufficiency that its
7 citizens look to with pride; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout her childhood, she crossed the state with
9 her family in a covered wagon, picking cotton on farms from the
10 Piney Woods of East Texas to the plains of West Texas; as a young
11 wife and mother, she lived in the sawmill town of Caro, near
12 Nacogdoches, and she continues to live on land she and her late
13 husband, Press Winder, bought in 1925; and

14 WHEREAS, This lovely lady is the matriarch of a close-knit
15 family that has grown to include 5 children, Mavis Clifton, Sue
16 Sanders, and Bob, Rho, and John Winder, 9 grandchildren, and 16
17 great-grandchildren, all of whom she invites to her home for
18 holiday celebrations; further, she has been a devoted sister to 10
19 siblings and a beloved aunt to her nieces and nephews; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Winder is a highly respected member of her
21 community, where she is widely known for her many kindnesses and her
22 neighborly manner to everyone; her family and many friends take
23 much delight in Mrs. Winder's zest for life, which has included a
24 journey to Mexico at age 85 and a helicopter ride at age 90; and

1 WHEREAS, Throughout her lifetime, Jewel Winder has
2 continually demonstrated a selfless commitment to others, and her
3 birthday provides a fitting opportunity to recognize her for the
4 positive impact she has had on the countless individuals whose
5 lives she has touched; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Jewel Winder on the joyous occasion
8 of her 96th birthday and extend to her heartfelt wishes for
9 continued happiness; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mrs. Winder as an expression of high regard by the
12 House of Representatives of the 78th Texas Legislature.