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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An 80th birthday is truly cause for a celebration,
2 and on May 18, 2003, Vaneta Moore Ward marked this significant
3 occasion; and

4 WHEREAS, A proud native Texan, she was born on May 18, 1923,
5 in St. Joseph Hospital in Houston and is an alumna of Lamar High
6 School; and

7 WHEREAS, This lovely lady married R. D. "Bob" Ward on
8 December 19, 1942, at Bering Memorial Methodist Church in her
9 hometown; the couple enjoyed a happy and rewarding relationship
10 that was blessed with two children; and

11 WHEREAS, Following World War II, Mrs. Ward and her husband,
12 the first combat veteran to return to Texas A&M University, moved
13 near the campus so that he could finish veterinary school; she was
14 one of two founding members of the Veterans' Wives Club, which grew
15 to 100-plus women by 1946; the couple returned to Houston and Mr.
16 Ward reopened the Ward Memorial Veterinary Hospital in Houston's
17 Montrose area; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ward takes great pride in her family, which
19 includes her sons, Don and Gary; grandson, Wesley; granddaughters,
20 Meghan and Donna; and great-grandchildren, Lily and Ava; and

21 WHEREAS, A life member of the Houston Livestock Show and
22 Rodeo, this esteemed woman has shared her time and energy with Women
23 of Rotary, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Texas Veterinary Medical
24 Association, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Harris County Veterinary

1 Medical Association, and the Briar Ladies Club; and

2 WHEREAS, For 80 years, Vaneta "Baw" Ward has lived a life full
3 of caring and generosity; her warmth and wisdom enrich the lives of
4 countless Texans and she is cherished by her family and many
5 friends; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Vaneta Moore Ward on the occasion
8 of her 80th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for the
9 future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mrs. Ward as an expression of highest regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.