

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 274

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mrs. Lawrence as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 3, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate