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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Donna Harrington of Plano is marking the red-letter  
2 occasion of her 105th birthday on August 1, 2005, and her more than  
3 a century's worth of loving relationships and meaningful  
4 accomplishments is truly cause for celebration; and

5           WHEREAS, The Plano native was born Donna Belle Boggess on  
6 August 1, 1900, to Henry Dye Boggess and Isabel Netzer Boggess; she  
7 is a member of a pioneer Plano family that arrived in Collin County  
8 shortly after the Civil War; Boggess Elementary School in Murphy is  
9 named for her father; and

10           WHEREAS, Mrs. Harrington graduated as salutatorian of Plano  
11 High School in 1917 and is the school's oldest living graduate; she  
12 also has the distinction of being the oldest living member of the  
13 First Christian Church of Plano, which she joined in 1914; and

14           WHEREAS, In December 1918, she married Robert Lee Harrington,  
15 whose forebears settled in Plano in 1842; the couple were blessed  
16 with two sons, Robert Lee Harrington, Jr., and Don Boggess  
17 Harrington; and

18           WHEREAS, A dedicated homemaker throughout her marriage, Mrs.  
19 Harrington enjoyed membership in the 05 Bridge Club and the Plano  
20 Garden Club; this loving mother continues to reside in her own home  
21 and is the main caregiver for her younger son, who was injured in an  
22 automobile accident in 1954; and

23           WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Harrington enjoys the love and affection  
24 of a large, close-knit family that includes four grandchildren,

1 Robin Harrington Brady, Ginger Harrington Ellis, William Cordell  
2 Harrington, and Suzan Harrington Zakrzewski, and eight  
3 great-grandchildren, Shara, Victoria, and Heather Harrington,  
4 Matthew and Caroline Brady, Meredith Ellis, and J. D. and Julia Ann  
5 Zakrzewski; and

6 WHEREAS, The birthday of Mrs. Harrington provides a fitting  
7 opportunity to honor this exceptional Texan, who continues to  
8 brighten the lives of all who know her; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby warmly congratulate Donna  
11 Belle Boggess Harrington on the momentous occasion of her 105th  
12 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for much happiness;  
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Mrs. Harrington as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.