

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bessie L. Taylor of Wichita Falls celebrated her  
2 105th birthday on June 30, 2005, marking a special milestone in her  
3 long and happy life; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in 1900 in Gonzales to Monroe Lindsay and  
5 Lillie Fields, Mrs. Taylor attended Hutto schools and left home in  
6 1918 to begin a career in domestic service, which included a 19-year  
7 tenure at the William and Mary Hotel and employment with several  
8 prominent Wichita Falls families, as well as a 20-year career as a  
9 telephone operator at Sheppard Air Force Base, from which she  
10 retired; and

11           WHEREAS, This notable woman has been a valued member  
12 of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church since 1922, and it was there  
13 that she met Ike Taylor, whom she married the following year; the  
14 loving pair shared a marriage blessed with two children, Louis  
15 and Maymie Lois, and "Mama Bessie," as she is affectionately  
16 called, has since welcomed nine grandchildren, 20  
17 great-grandchildren, 18 great-great-grandchildren, and five  
18 great-great-great-grandchildren into her family; and

19           WHEREAS, A gifted storyteller, Mrs. Taylor has much to share,  
20 having lived through two World Wars, the Great Depression, and the  
21 administrations of 19 presidents; through it all, this gracious  
22 lady has brought joy and happiness to the countless people whose  
23 lives she has touched; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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1 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Bessie  
2 L. Taylor on her 105th birthday and extend to her heartfelt best  
3 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 347 was adopted by the House on July 19, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House