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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly  
2 cause for celebration, and Lessie S. Joiner marked this significant  
3 milestone in her full and charitable life on June 26, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, From the invention of the jet engine to the creation  
5 of the Internet, Mrs. Joiner has witnessed many remarkable changes  
6 and marvels since her birth in 1905; and

7 WHEREAS, This notable woman was the devoted wife of Promise  
8 Joiner and together they were blessed with 12 children; after her  
9 husband's death, Mrs. Joiner raised her family alone, providing for  
10 them by working as a seamstress and a quilt and rug maker; and

11 WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Midlothian, Mrs. Joiner was  
12 an active member of the community's Church of God in Christ for many  
13 years, serving as Church Mother, playing guitar and piano during  
14 worship services, and baking and selling her famous lemon pies to  
15 raise money for the church; her generosity extended to her friends  
16 as well, and she offered free of charge a portion of her property to  
17 her close friend, the late Eula Staten, on which to build her home;  
18 today, Mrs. Joiner lives with her daughter, Ella Ruth  
19 Joiner-Turner, and her son-in-law, Elder Joe Turner, Sr., and also  
20 enjoys the company of her other children, Polly Sue  
21 Joiner-Washington and Tennessee Joiner-Phillips, as well as that of  
22 her extended family, which has grown to include 38 grandchildren,  
23 88 great-grandchildren, and some 70 great-great-grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout the past century, Lessie Joiner has

1 enriched the lives of all who have known her, sharing with them her  
2 warmth, wisdom, and friendship, and it is a pleasure to join her  
3 loved ones in honoring her at this time; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
5 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Lessie S.  
6 Joiner on her 100th birthday and extend to her heartfelt best wishes  
7 for the future; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Mrs. Joiner as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.