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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Longtime Mineola educator Clarice Walters Evans was
2 honored by her fellow citizens and former students on January 21,
3 2006, as she celebrated her 90th birthday in the Magnolia Room at
4 the Mineola Civic Center; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Provo, Arkansas, on January 22, 1916, Mrs.
6 Evans began teaching 6th grade in Mineola in 1956 and continued in
7 that role for 30 years; after retiring from teaching in 1986, this
8 vibrant lady went on to serve as supervisor of student teachers at
9 The University of Texas at Tyler for the next 13 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Evans holds a bachelor's degree in education
11 from Henderson State Teacher's College and taught public school for
12 eight years in Arkansas before operating a private kindergarten in
13 the family home from 1951 to 1956; she earned a master of education
14 degree in 1968 from East Texas State University, and her career as
15 an educator spanned an incredible 56 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Blessed with four children, Mrs. Evans was married
17 to Clarence Raymond Evans, Sr., from 1939 until his passing in 2003;
18 her children are Clarence Raymond Evans, Jr., and his wife, Sandra
19 Jane, Susan Bartley and her husband, Joe, Charles Walters Evans and
20 his wife, Lydia, and Fred Henry Evans and his wife, Andra; a proud
21 and devoted grandmother, she has 11 grandchildren and eight
22 great-grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Evans's dedication to teaching extends to her
24 church, as well; she taught first-grade Sunday school from 1951

1 until 1987 at First Baptist Church, where she has been a member for
2 55 years; she sang in the church choir from 1965 to 1999 and has been
3 an active member of the 20th Century Club since 1957, serving as
4 president, vice president, and secretary during her tenure with the
5 study group; and

6 WHEREAS, An esteemed member of the Mineola community, she
7 volunteered with the Mineola Youth Foundation for 25 years, served
8 as president of the Mineola Public Library for two terms, spent a
9 decade as a cub scout den mother, and was a girl scout assistant
10 troop leader for two years; it's no wonder that she was named Woman
11 of the Year by the Mineola Chamber of Commerce in 1978; and

12 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Clarice Evans has demonstrated
13 great pride and determination, from graduating as class
14 salutatorian in 1933 to volunteering at the First Baptist Church
15 food pantry and the Mineola Library in the 21st century, and the
16 occasion of her 90th birthday has provided a fitting opportunity to
17 recognize this remarkable woman for her myriad contributions to the
18 welfare of her fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Clarice
21 Walters Evans on the celebration of her 90th birthday and extend to
22 her best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mrs. Evans as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.