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H.R. No. 255

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Zerlie Beatrice Courtney Carter of Houston is
2 celebrating her 80th birthday among her loved ones; and

3 WHEREAS, A native East Texan, she was born on February 13,
4 1925, in Palestine and raised in a close-knit family in the company
5 of several siblings; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1942, she married Miles Carter, and the newlyweds
7 embarked on a 44-year union that endured until his passing and that
8 brought them much happiness; Mrs. Carter has been richly blessed
9 with four sons, Miles Lee, A. B., Theodore, and Matthew, and 11
10 daughters, Gwendolyn, Loyce, Zerline, Beverly, Sylvia, Cynthia,
11 Karen, Yetta, Madeline, Tonya, and Yolanda; through the years, she
12 has also delighted in the arrival of 46 grandchildren and 62
13 great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Affectionately called "Momma" by her extended
15 family of nephews, nieces, and neighborhood friends, this lovely
16 lady raised her children in the home where she lives today, and she
17 imparted her abiding love of God and high regard for education to
18 her offspring and to others for whom she served as a maternal
19 figure; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carter joined the Lighthouse Church of God in
21 Christ in 1960, and she has long shared her unwavering faith as a
22 missionary and an intercessory prayer parishioner; in 1980, she
23 began hosting a weekly Bible class in her home, drawing some 30
24 children to the gatherings; these youngsters learned many valuable

1 life lessons and got to enjoy the special treats she made for them;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Well-known for her culinary talents, particularly
4 when it comes to homemade biscuits, hoecakes, pinto beans,
5 black-eyed peas, and cornbread, this kind-hearted soul has fed many
6 a hungry child at her Sunnyside table; and

7 WHEREAS, Zerlie Carter continues to be a positive role model
8 in the lives of countless Texans, for she arrives promptly at
9 appointments and activities though she has never held a driver's
10 license, exercises her cherished right to vote at every election,
11 and takes pleasure in welcoming passersby to her front porch for an
12 encouraging chat; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby warmly congratulate Zerlie Beatrice Courtney
15 Carter on the joyous occasion of her 80th birthday and extend to her
16 sincere best wishes for continued good fortune; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mrs. Carter as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.