

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Willie Russell of Kerens commemorated a memorable  
2 milestone on February 6, 2005, when he turned 100 years old; and

3           WHEREAS, From the invention of the jet engine to the creation  
4 of the Internet, Mr. Russell has witnessed many remarkable changes  
5 and marvels since his birth in 1905 in Pelican, Louisiana; and

6           WHEREAS, Willie Russell moved with his family as a young  
7 child to Texas and received his early education in a two-room house  
8 on the north side of Kerens before the family relocated to Goodlow;  
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10          WHEREAS, This admirable gentleman left school early to help  
11 support his family, and over the course of his career, he worked on  
12 farms, in road construction, and in lawn care, showing up to work  
13 each day sporting a tie and the friendly demeanor that has won him  
14 many lifelong friends; and

15          WHEREAS, A cherished member of his community today, Mr.  
16 Russell enjoys the distinction of being the oldest member of Mount B  
17 Zion Baptist Church in Goodlow, having attended services there for  
18 84 years and serving his fellow congregants as a deacon for nearly  
19 seven decades; and

20          WHEREAS, Willie Russell remains a source of inspiration to  
21 all who are privileged to know him, and it is indeed a pleasure to  
22 join in honoring this very special Texan; now, therefore, be it

23          RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Willie Russell on the joyous

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1 occasion of his 100th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes  
2 for continued happiness; and, be it further

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

Jones of Dallas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 728 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House