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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A century of joyful times, loving moments, and
2 meaningful accomplishments is truly a reason to celebrate, and in
3 2005, Hester Smith Lockett of Brenham is marking the centennial of
4 her birth; and

5 WHEREAS, One of four children, this lovely lady recalls an
6 early 20th century Brenham with unpaved streets on which she walked
7 to school with friends and to church with her family; and

8 WHEREAS, In her senior year of high school in 1923, Mrs.
9 Lockett was crowned Queen of the Brenham Maifest, one of the oldest
10 spring festivals in the South, this one with a German flavor
11 saluting the local heritage; she carried on a proud family
12 tradition, for her mother was named Maifest Queen in 1894; and

13 WHEREAS, Queen Hester went on to attend The University of
14 Texas and then married her royal partner, King Reese Lockett; the
15 couple were blessed with two children, Hester Lockett Kirkum and
16 Reese Lockett, Jr., who were also named royalty during the highly
17 anticipated annual celebration; and

18 WHEREAS, After her children were grown, Mrs. Lockett shared
19 her time and talents with her community by volunteering with her
20 church, the public library, and the Brenham State School; she was a
21 support for her husband, who served his fellow citizens as mayor of
22 Brenham for 28 years and owned a men's clothing store; later, Mrs.
23 Lockett took on the responsibilities of dorm mother at Blinn
24 College and assisted numerous families with their Maifest plans;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lockett was selected as a Washington County
3 Woman of the Year for her many contributions to her hometown, and in
4 a singular tribute, her likeness for a time graced cartons of Blue
5 Bell ice cream; and

6 WHEREAS, Hester Lockett has richly blessed her family and
7 community through her love, her commitment, and her actions, and it
8 is a distinct pleasure to join in honoring her on this momentous
9 milestone in her life; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby warmly congratulate Hester Smith Lockett of
12 Brenham on her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes
13 for continued happiness; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mrs. Lockett as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.