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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A century of living a productive and satisfying life
2 is truly reason for celebration, and on April 7, 2005, Faye C. Smith
3 of Austin is observing this significant milestone in the company of
4 her loved ones; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in 1905 in Grand Saline, to Albert and Helen
6 Crone, she grew up on her family's farm, helping her parents with
7 the daily chores at home, playing basketball at school, and singing
8 in school and church choirs; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith moved to Dallas with her family following
10 graduation, and with her sister found employment as a singer and
11 piano player at the local silent movie theater; billed as the Crone
12 Sisters, the young women were soon managing a busy schedule of
13 performances throughout the state with well-known gospel artists,
14 including the Stamps Quartet; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1926, this charming lady married the love of her
16 life, World War I veteran Ivan Smith, and the couple moved to
17 Austin, where they raised six children and enjoyed 53 years of
18 marriage until Mr. Smith's passing in 1979; the adored matriarch of
19 an extended family, Mrs. Smith takes great pride in her children,
20 who have demonstrated admirable patriotic and civic spirit, and she
21 has been further blessed with 18 grandchildren, 33
22 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, When her three sons and three daughters were
24 school-aged, this devoted mother volunteered as a troop leader with

1 the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts, and served in various
2 offices with the PTA, including president of both the Rosedale
3 Elementary School and Baker Junior High School organizations; and

4 WHEREAS, In the late 1940s and early 1950s, she formed the
5 Rosedale Trio with two friends and took to the stage at church,
6 school, and civic functions and during summer shows at the Zilker
7 Hillside Theater; and

8 WHEREAS, Multigifted as an artist, Mrs. Smith has generously
9 shared the fruits of her skill as a painter with family and friends,
10 crocheted blankets for each of her newborn grandchildren, and
11 hand-beaded treasured items for her children; further, her
12 formidable talents in the culinary arts have generated eager
13 volunteers to sample her homemade treats; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the course of 10 decades, this charming woman
15 has experienced many singular events, including traveling across
16 Texas with her parents in a covered wagon, and she has truly
17 enhanced the lives of countless people with her devotion to others
18 and her enthusiasm for living; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature hereby warmly congratulate Faye C. Smith on the joyous
21 occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her heartfelt best
22 wishes for continued happiness and good fortune; and, be it further

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