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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Mary Alice Skaggs of Celina is celebrating her 97th  
2 birthday on April 22, 2005, and it is a fitting opportunity to  
3 reflect on her distinguished tenure as an educator; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Celina, Mrs. Skaggs was raised in Dallas  
5 and attended Gunter Bible College before earning her bachelor's and  
6 master's degrees from Austin College in Sherman; she completed  
7 additional graduate work at Texas Woman's University and Southern  
8 Methodist University and began her teaching career in Gunter, where  
9 she taught English and Latin; and

10           WHEREAS, For 31 years, this esteemed educator worked for the  
11 Plano Independent School District, where she taught English,  
12 journalism, and economics; the first teacher in Plano ISD to hold a  
13 master's degree, she was also the senior class sponsor, a position  
14 she held for more than three decades; and

15           WHEREAS, Mrs. Skaggs sponsored a Plano chapter of the  
16 National Council of Teachers of English and conducted a senior  
17 English workshop for NCTE in Honolulu; she has maintained active  
18 memberships with the Plano Retired Teachers Association, Delta  
19 Kappa Gamma, Kappa Gamma Chi at Austin College, the Thursday Study  
20 Club, and Pitman Creek Church of Christ; and

21           WHEREAS, Often honored for her accomplishments, Mrs. Skaggs  
22 was the recipient of the 1958 Teacher of the Year Award from the  
23 Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, a Career Achievement Award from  
24 the Plano Business and Professional Women's Club, and awards of

1 merit from the Plano Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Joint English  
2 Committee; in 1996, she received a great tribute when Skaggs  
3 Elementary School opened in Plano; and

4 WHEREAS, Mary Alice Skaggs is truly an inspiration to all  
5 those who are privileged to know her and those who have been touched  
6 by her commitment to education, and it is a pleasure to honor her on  
7 this special day; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Mary Alice Skaggs on her 97th  
10 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
11 happiness; and, be it further

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