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H.R. No. 971

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of her 80th birthday, Mary Doyle
2 Smith of Athens was the guest of honor at a family-hosted
3 celebration held on March 12, 2005, at Eastern Hills Church of
4 Christ; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of the Ash community in Henderson County,
6 the former Mary Doyle Tanner was born on March 11, 1925, the
7 youngest of four children; after graduating from Athens High School
8 in 1943, she worked for a Dallas insurance company until 1945, when
9 she married Odus Melton Houston; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of her husband's career with A&P and
11 the Sherwin-Williams Company, this lovely lady raised two children
12 while living in Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas; in 1965, she
13 rejoined the workforce as an employee of Montgomery Ward in Tyler;
14 eight years later, she and her husband moved to Athens, where they
15 owned the Gulf Oil distributorship in that city until 1990, and she
16 worked for the new owner for seven additional years, during which
17 time she became a widow; and

18 WHEREAS, Fortunate to find love a second time, she married
19 Ernest Smith in 1997; her cherished family today includes a
20 daughter, Delayne Houston Warner and her husband, Jay, a son,
21 Donald W. Houston and his wife, Lanita, as well as four adored
22 grandchildren, Alice Shawn Gillispie, Stephen Wayne Gillispie,
23 Rachel Kim Houston, and Benjamin Lee Houston; and

24 WHEREAS, For eight decades, Mary Doyle Smith has been

1 treasured by her circle of loved ones for her generous spirit and
2 warm, caring nature, and it is a pleasure to recognize this very
3 special milestone in her life; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature hereby warmly congratulate Mary Doyle Smith on the
6 memorable occasion of her 80th birthday and extend to her sincere
7 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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