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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, October 5, 2004, marked the 104th birthday of Viola
2 White House of Austin, and this remarkable woman is truly deserving
3 of special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mrs. House was born on October 5,
5 1900, in Bastrop County's Cedar Creek; the youngest of eight
6 children, she carries fond memories of riding a horse to school,
7 picnicking at Onion Creek, and family marketing trips by wagon to
8 the Capital City, where she enjoyed seeing movies and trolley rides
9 to Deep Eddy; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. House moved with her mother to Austin during
11 World War I, after her brothers left the family farm to serve their
12 country; she found employment as a long distance operator, riding a
13 streetcar to work each day; and

14 WHEREAS, On May 29, 1920, she married the love of her life,
15 Eugene Preston House, with whom she shared more than 30 years, and
16 the couple were blessed with four children, Rosa Jo, Ella Mae,
17 Wilbur Darrel, and Edna Earle; and

18 WHEREAS, Today the matriarch of a large family, Mrs. House
19 continues to enjoy the love and affection of her daughter, Rosa Jo,
20 as well as 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and five
21 great-great-grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, She treasures her faith, and is a long-time valued
23 congregant of the First Baptist Church in Elgin and a member of the
24 Baptist Women's Missionary; and

1 WHEREAS, For more than a century, this gracious lady has
2 brought joy and happiness to the countless people whose lives she
3 has touched, and she has earned the lasting respect and admiration
4 of all who are privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor Viola White House on her 104th birthday
7 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and,
8 be it further

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