

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Having the incredible experience of having lived in  
2 three different centuries, Hortencia Hinojosa Saenz is celebrating  
3 her 107th birthday on June 1, 2005, to the delight of her loving  
4 family and dear friends; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on June 1, 1898, in Roma, into a nurturing home  
6 that eventually included six siblings, Mrs. Saenz moved with her  
7 family to Monterrey, Mexico, where she attended the Lawrence  
8 Academy of Fine Arts with her sister; she studied literature,  
9 writing, mathematics, history, music, and other fine arts, and  
10 today, this remarkable woman recites a reading she performed as a  
11 student and daily says prayers she learned as a child; and

12           WHEREAS, To escape uncertain conditions in Mexico, the family  
13 moved back to Texas in 1914, settling in Rio Grande City; evenings  
14 at home included the music of a violin, piano, mandolin, and guitar  
15 played by Tencha, her sisters, and their mother; and

16           WHEREAS, Tencha met the love of her life, Mateo Saenz, and  
17 married him on February 19, 1921; the couple lived on the Saenz  
18 family ranch in Medanitos, where her husband helped supervise the  
19 work of growing cotton, corn, and other crops, and his bride charmed  
20 her in-laws and other new friends with her sweet manner and by  
21 teaching them the crafts she had learned in Monterrey, including  
22 knitting and quilting; and

23           WHEREAS, Mrs. Saenz and her husband began their own family of  
24 five beloved children, Arturo, Hector, Armando, Maria Celia, and

1 Humberto, and enjoyed a rewarding union until his passing; this  
2 devoted mother counted her blessings when all four of her sons  
3 returned home safely from World War II, and today, she is the  
4 matriarch of a close-knit family that has grown to include two more  
5 generations of descendants; and

6 WHEREAS, A welcome addition to the home of her daughter,  
7 Maria Celia, and son-in-law, Lauro, with whom she lives, this  
8 gentle lady is treasured for her wisdom, her faith, and her generous  
9 heart; she enjoys crocheting and sewing gifts for others, baking  
10 corn bread, and inviting friends to play bingo; and

11 WHEREAS, The birthday of Mrs. Saenz provides a fitting  
12 opportunity to honor this delightful Texan, whose kindness and  
13 friendship have brightened the lives of countless individuals; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby warmly congratulate Hortencia Hinojosa Saenz on  
17 the joyous occasion of her 107th birthday and extend to her best  
18 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Mrs. Saenz as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
21 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2203

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2203 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House