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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.