

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 875

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Viola White House who is a treasured citizen of our state and who reached the age of 104 on October 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, This gracious lady is well known for her charm and generosity of spirit, and she is a revered resident of Austin; and

WHEREAS, Born October 5, 1900, to John Hamilton White and Josephine Dyer White in Cedar Creek, Viola White grew up on a farm; she rode a horse to school, and her family raised most of their food right on their farm; and

WHEREAS, She married Eugene Preston House of Elgin on May 29, 1920; over the course of their marriage, they farmed cotton in Agua Dulce and worked at Camp Swift during World War II; Mrs. House also worked at the fashion stores Goodfriends and Marie Antoinette's until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. House is a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Elgin; she resides in Austin with her daughter, Rosa Jo Kent, and has been blessed with 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, A beloved and respected member of her community, Mrs. House is noted for her courage, her compassion for others, and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Viola White House on her accomplishments and extend best wishes to her; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate