

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 981

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Harry R. Gillespie of Vicksburg, Mississippi, on the grand occasion of his 100th birthday on June 27, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Born in Palestine, Texas, in 1905, Harry grew up in Palestine and owned and operated the Gillespie Dairy until the 1940s; as a young man, he took voice lessons and performed operatic music for many years; and

WHEREAS, He moved to Vicksburg in 1954 and worked for Valley Mills, a cattle feed manufacturer; he retired as its general manager in 1970; and

WHEREAS, He was a longtime volunteer with The Vicksburg Little Theatre and served as its president, in addition to holding several other offices; for over 20 years, he played the role of the father in the local melodrama, *Gold in the Hills*; and

WHEREAS, He has been an active member of the Vicksburg Rotary Club for over 50 years, and he continues to attend meetings regularly; and

WHEREAS, Harry is an admired and respected member of his community, and he is known for his generous spirit, his courage, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend congratulations to Harry R. Gillespie on his 100th birthday and extend best wishes to him for the future; and, be it further

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

Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate