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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Marguerite Anna Treuthardt Whitehead marked the
2 very special occasion of her 100th birthday on August 15, 2006, and
3 a century's worth of joyful times and meaningful accomplishments is
4 truly cause for celebration; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Georgetown in 1906, the former Miss
6 Treuthardt grew up on a farm alongside the North San Gabriel River;
7 during her junior year of high school, she and her classmates
8 skipped school and took a trip to Austin, where they toured the
9 State Capitol and had a chance visit with Governor Miriam A. "Ma"
10 Ferguson, who told the girls she did not approve of their trousers;
11 after spending the afternoon at Barton Springs, the group returned
12 home to find their adventure would cost the class a Saturday in
13 school; after graduating from Georgetown High School in 1925 and
14 attending Nixon Clay Business School in Austin, she worked in the
15 insurance and banking industries for a number of years and was
16 instrumental in examining the collapse of Central Texas banks
17 following the stock market crash of 1929; and

18 WHEREAS, She married Roy Laughton Whitehead in 1933 and the
19 couple moved to Longview, where Mrs. Whitehead devoted herself to
20 maintaining the family's home and raising their two children,
21 Barbara Ann and Laughton; in the years since then, the family has
22 grown to include Barbara's husband, Donald Joe Kiser, and
23 Laughton's wife, the former Martha Frances Hess, six grandchildren,
24 Donald and his wife, Mary Beth, Sara and her husband, Jerry, Julie

1 and her husband, Malcolm, Roy and his wife, Elizabeth, George and
2 his wife, Dandre, and Anna, and 12 great-grandchildren, Anna, Sara,
3 Jack, Henry, Malcolm, John, Roy, Andrew, Ellen, Anna, Brooks, and
4 Sally, all of whom Mrs. Whitehead is very proud; and

5 WHEREAS, Once an active member of First Presbyterian Church,
6 Mrs. Whitehead continues to study the Bible, and in 2004 and 2005
7 she devoted herself to reading it through from beginning to end; she
8 is a talented seamstress, proficient in embroidery, sewing,
9 knitting, tatting, crochet, and cross-stitch, and has crocheted
10 more than 100 blankets for Project Linus, a volunteer organization
11 that supplies blankets to premature babies in hospitals; over the
12 years, she has enjoyed gardening, fishing, watching Texas Ranger
13 baseball, and working crossword puzzles, which she continues to
14 complete daily in ink; and

15 WHEREAS, A gifted storyteller, Mrs. Whitehead spent New
16 Year's Eve 1999 sharing her memories of the 20th century with her
17 extended family; through all of her many experiences, this gracious
18 lady has brought joy and happiness to the countless people whose
19 lives she has touched, and it is a pleasure to join her loved ones in
20 honoring her; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
22 Legislature hereby warmly congratulate Marguerite Anna Treuthardt
23 Whitehead on her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best
24 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for Mrs. Whitehead as an expression of high regard by the
27 Texas House of Representatives.