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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Riva Kremer of Houston marked the special milestone
2 of her 100th birthday on August 12, 2006, at a celebration held in
3 her honor at the Holocaust Museum Houston; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 12, 1906, Mrs. Kremer spent her early
5 life in Grodno, Poland, where she ran a dry cleaning business with
6 her husband; in the summer of 1941, Nazi forces invaded the town and
7 transported Mr. and Mrs. Kremer and their two children to
8 Treblinka, a notorious Nazi death camp; and

9 WHEREAS, Surviving the atrocities of four camps, Mrs. Kremer
10 and her daughter, Linda, were liberated by Allied troops on May 8,
11 1945, and came to the United States in 1951; Mrs. Kremer lived in
12 New York until 1965, when she moved to Houston to be with Linda and
13 her husband, Morris Penn; and

14 WHEREAS, Now residing in the Meyerland/South Post Oak area,
15 Mrs. Kremer is the oldest Holocaust survivor in Houston, and she
16 shares memories of the heartbreak and heroism with the local
17 Holocaust Museum; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kremer's century of life represents a survival
19 of hope beyond suffering and loss, the awakening of dreams
20 following unspeakable horror, and a prayer that tomorrow may bring
21 a consciousness of morality and decency that enables all people to
22 transcend prejudice and hatred; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
24 Legislature hereby honor Riva Kremer on the occasion of her 100th

1 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and,
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Mrs. Kremer as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.