

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cora Faye Williams of West Columbia is celebrating
2 her 100th birthday on April 7, 2007, and this momentous occasion
3 provides an ideal opportunity to recognize her many contributions
4 to her community; and

5 WHEREAS, With a keen memory of decades long past, Mrs.
6 Williams has proved an invaluable resource for historians in West
7 Columbia and throughout the Lone Star State; she has shared stories
8 told to her by her ancestors who came to Brazoria County as slaves
9 and provided accounts of area sugar mills and plantations,
10 including the Varner-Hogg Plantation, where she played and worked
11 as a child; and

12 WHEREAS, Though Mrs. Williams had little opportunity to
13 attend school, her passion for learning has inspired her to read and
14 study throughout her life; and

15 WHEREAS, She is known for her optimism and cheerful spirit,
16 and she has helped to raise hundreds of children in her community,
17 many of whom affectionately call her "Mama Cora"; she has also long
18 been a friend to those in need, sharing her time to comfort and
19 nurture the sick; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams is a valued member of the First
21 Missionary Baptist Church of West Columbia, where she helped to
22 organize Homecoming programs for many years and played an integral
23 role in the establishment of the Senior Citizens Center, which
24 provides hot meals daily to elderly residents; and

1 WHEREAS, Blessed with vitality and vigor, Mrs. Williams still
2 lives at home and continues to enjoy hand-stitching colorful
3 quilts; and

4 WHEREAS, Citizens such as Cora Faye Williams are truly the
5 backbone of this great state; she is an inspiration to all who know
6 her, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor her; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor Cora Faye Williams on the occasion of her
9 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
10 happiness; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mrs. Williams as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 944

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 944 was adopted by the House on March 20, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House