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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.