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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A century of memorable experiences and fulfilling
2 family relationships was celebrated on August 18, 2006, when Katie
3 Mae Giddings Pride commemorated her 100th birthday; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pride is a lifelong resident of the Calvert
5 area who has borne witness to the immense changes that have occurred
6 in Central Texas during the 20th and early 21st centuries; entering
7 the world in 1906 as the ninth of 12 children born to John and Katie
8 Giddings, she grew up hearing stories of the illustrious ancestors
9 who had come before her, including her great-grandfather, Giles J.
10 Cotton, a former slave who was elected to the Texas House of
11 Representatives in 1870; reared on her family's 100-acre farm, she
12 enjoyed a rural childhood, during which she cared for the family's
13 chickens, geese, and turkeys, helped her mother can vegetables and
14 make preserves, and picked cotton, peas, and corn with her father;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The former Katie Giddings completed all eight grades
17 of schooling that were available to her in her youth, first
18 attending Giddings Chapel School and later the Calvert School;
19 after finishing her formal education, she assumed a larger role in
20 running the household, taking over many tasks for her mother; and

21 WHEREAS, At age 21, she began her own family, marrying
22 Calvert resident Daniel Pride on New Year's Day of 1928; it was the
23 beginning of an enduring relationship that continued for more than
24 60 years; the couple raised 12 children to adulthood, beginning a

1 family legacy that has grown ever larger with the passing years;
2 Mrs. Pride now has 55 grandchildren, more than 60
3 great-grandchildren, and 25 great-great-grandchildren; and

4 WHEREAS, An active woman who takes joy in her family and
5 enjoys singing gospel songs, Mrs. Pride is a treasured member of the
6 Calvert community and has earned a special place in the hearts of
7 all who are privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Katie Giddings Pride on the
10 celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best
11 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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