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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 100th year of an individual's life marks an  
2 extraordinary milestone, and Gladys Goss of Mineola celebrated a  
3 century of achievement and wonderful memories on February 15, 2007;  
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5           WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Granny Goose" by most  
6 people in this small Wood County community, Mrs. Goss grew up in  
7 Missouri, where she was the fifth of 12 children; and

8           WHEREAS, She recalls childhood memories of a two-mile walk,  
9 sometimes through snow, to a one-room schoolhouse and vividly  
10 remembers her initial ride in an automobile and the family's first  
11 refrigerator; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Goss left school early to assist a family  
13 member in Dallas; she began her working life at the age of 15 at the  
14 Brown Cracker and Candy Company, and was later employed by Lotts  
15 Laundry and Cleaning for some 35 years; she successfully balanced  
16 work and family responsibilities and was a devoted mother to her  
17 beloved daughter; and

18           WHEREAS, A resident of Mineola since 1993, Mrs. Goss today  
19 embraces the freedom of living in her own home with minimal  
20 assistance and only recently gave up driving; a woman of abiding  
21 faith, she keeps up with friends from her Rebekah Lodge membership  
22 of 50-plus years, likes to watch game shows and church programs on  
23 television, and enjoys the love and affection of her many  
24 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

1           WHEREAS, This delightful centenarian attributes her  
2 longevity to genetics and to her steadfast spiritual beliefs; she  
3 maintains a positive outlook and an enthusiasm for each new day that  
4 are an inspiration to all who know her; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Gladys Goss on her 100th birthday  
7 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and,  
8 be it further

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