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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mary Alice Skaggs of Collin County celebrates her
2 99th birthday on April 22, 2007, and her long and productive life
3 continues to inspire family members, friends, and former students;
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5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Skaggs devoted 31 years to teaching English,
6 journalism, and economics with the Plano Independent School
7 District, and in 1996 the district paid tribute to her legacy of
8 achievement by naming Skaggs Elementary School, a nationally
9 recognized Blue Ribbon school, in her honor; and

10 WHEREAS, The first teacher in the district to possess a
11 master's degree, Mrs. Skaggs further distinguished herself through
12 her longtime service as the senior class sponsor, a role she held
13 throughout her tenure with Plano ISD; she also sponsored the Junior
14 Thursday Study Club, an organization for high school girls, and 50
15 years later, she continues to remain active with the group; and

16 WHEREAS, Born in Celina and raised in Dallas, Mrs. Skaggs
17 earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Austin College in
18 Sherman; after pursuing additional graduate work at Texas Woman's
19 University and Southern Methodist University, she began her career
20 in Gunter, where she taught English and Latin; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Skaggs enjoyed membership with the National
22 Council of Teachers of English for 25 years and figured prominently
23 in the organization of its Plano chapter; she also conducted a
24 senior English workshop in Hawaii as part of her affiliation with

1 that group; and

2 WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous honors, Mrs. Skaggs was
3 named Teacher of the Year by the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs
4 in 1958 and later received awards from the Plano Business and
5 Professional Women's Club, the Plano Chamber of Commerce, and the
6 Texas Joint English Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, Still active in her community, Mrs. Skaggs is a
8 member of the Plano Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa
9 Gamma, Austin College's Kappa Gamma Chi, and the Pitman Creek
10 Church of Christ; and

11 WHEREAS, Mary Alice Skaggs has enriched the lives of
12 countless young Texans, and her birthday provides a fitting
13 opportunity to recognize her for her many achievements and
14 contributions through the years; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor Mary Alice Skaggs on the joyous occasion
17 of her 99th birthday and extend best wishes to her for a memorable
18 celebration; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mrs. Skaggs as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.