

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 163

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Connie Jefferson Matthews on the grand occasion of his 100th birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, A native Texan, Connie Matthews was born February 24, 1907; as a young man, he was a working cowboy in West Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, After his marriage, he became a rancher on his own land in East Texas near Lindale; a model of self-reliance, sixty-five years ago he built a home for his bride, Alma, using lumber that he milled from trees he had cut down on his land and rocks that he hauled from his land for the exterior of the house; he has continued to live in the house to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, A beloved and respected leader in his community, Mr. Matthews is noted for his courage, his compassion for others, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; he continues to drive and to garden and twice a week goes dancing with friends; and

**WHEREAS**, In celebration of his birthday, friends and family are gathering on February 25, 2007, to congratulate him on this momentous occasion and to share in this milestone in his life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby recognize Connie Jefferson Matthews as a treasured citizen of the Lone Star State; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on February 5, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate