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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed
2 cause for celebration, and Evelyn Ruth Werlein of Houston is
3 reaching this important milestone on January 29, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Seattle, Washington, the former Evelyn
5 Storey was born on January 29, 1909; her parents were Salvation Army
6 officers, and she lived in many cities across the country during her
7 youth before finally choosing Houston as her home when she was in
8 her early 20s; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Werlein was joined in matrimony to Judge Ewing
10 Werlein in 1935, and they became the parents of Kittredge, Elaine,
11 and Ewing Werlein, Jr.; this devoted wife and mother eventually
12 welcomed five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren into the
13 family; and

14 WHEREAS, Blessed with a lovely voice, Mrs. Werlein sang a
15 number of times with the Houston Symphony Orchestra; additionally,
16 her performances of a familiar Irish ballad became so popular that
17 she won the nickname "the Danny Boy Girl"; and

18 WHEREAS, This woman of great faith is a valued longtime
19 member of First United Methodist, where she has served in myriad
20 capacities; for many decades, she was the featured contralto
21 soloist at the church, and the beautiful needlepoint that adorns
22 the altar chairs and the kneeling rails is a tribute to her
23 dedication as well as to her artistry; and

24 WHEREAS, Evelyn Werlein has contributed greatly to the lives

1 of her family and many friends through her grace and loving nature,
2 and she continues to inspire all who are privileged to know her;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby congratulate Evelyn Ruth Werlein on the joyous occasion of
6 her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for
7 continued happiness; and, be it further

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