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H.R. No. 47

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Eunice A. Cooksey of Clifton commemorated a special  
2 milestone in her life with the celebration of her 90th birthday on  
3 October 12, 2008; and

4           WHEREAS, A native Texan, the former Eunice Reesing was born  
5 in the Cooper community near Clifton, the 11th child of Oscar and  
6 Emma Reesing; she received baptism at Trinity Lutheran Church and  
7 graduated from Clifton High School; and

8           WHEREAS, Married to Raymond W. Cooksey in 1941, she lived  
9 with her husband in the Hitchland and Oslo communities in Hansford  
10 County after his return from serving overseas in World War II; in  
11 1952 they bought the Cooksey Grocery Store, which Mrs. Cooksey  
12 managed until its sale in 1955; four years later, Eunice and Raymond  
13 Cooksey built the Huddle Drive Inn in Gruver, and Mrs. Cooksey  
14 managed that business as well; the couple returned in 1968 to  
15 Clifton, where they purchased and renovated a restaurant that they  
16 named the Cooksey Place, and they operated that enterprise until  
17 their retirement in 1989; and

18           WHEREAS, Following a two-year residency in a Granbury  
19 retirement community, Mrs. Cooksey and her husband moved back to  
20 Clifton in 1991 and rejoined their church family at Trinity  
21 Lutheran; the marriage of this beloved couple endured for nearly 55  
22 years, until Mr. Cooksey's death in 1995; and

23           WHEREAS, Today, Eunice Cooksey continues to live  
24 independently at her home and plays an active role at Immanuel

1 Lutheran Church; she is the mother of four children, Joyce W.  
2 Powell, Pamela K. Owens, James L. Cooksey, and the late John A.  
3 Cooksey, and the grandmother of Rhett, Christie, and Hunter  
4 Hoestenbach, Craig, Ky, and Katharyn Cooksey, Kimberly and Kyle  
5 Bartels, and the late Kevin Bartels; and

6 WHEREAS, Eunice Cooksey is deeply cherished for her kind and  
7 caring nature, and her nine decades of life well lived are an  
8 inspiration to all who know her; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Eunice A. Cooksey on her 90th  
11 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
12 happiness; and, be it further

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