

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 893

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Gertrude Tausch Haverlah on the grand occasion of her 90th birthday; and

WHEREAS, On June 7, 1919, Gertrude Tausch had the distinction of being born in the Wilson County jail in Floresville, Texas; her uncle was the sheriff, and his family lived on the bottom floor of the jail, where she was born; and

WHEREAS, Her parents, Ellen Campbell Tausch and Walter Tausch, lived in Campbellton, in Atascosa County, and operated the Tausch Café and filling station along with their ranch; Gertrude Tausch helped with the business after school and on weekends and graduated with honors from Jourdanton High School; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Tausch married Harry Haverlah in San Antonio on June 8, 1937, the day after she turned 18 years old; the couple returned to Campbellton and began married life, combining farming and ranching with raising five children; the family now includes 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, During the drought in South Texas in the 1950s, Mrs. Haverlah worked as the school cafeteria cook, and the couple operated the Tausch Café and filling station after the death of her father in 1953; when the drought ended in the late 1950s, they returned to ranching full-time; this was the life they both loved and continued for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Mr. and Mrs. Haverlah celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Campbellton Community Hall with

family and friends; after Mr. Haverlah's death in 1991, Mrs. Haverlah continued to manage the ranch, and she continues to do so to this day; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Haverlah is a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church; long active in her community, she still participates in senior citizen activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Gertrude Tausch Haverlah and extend to her best wishes for a happy and memorable 90th birthday; and, be it further

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

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate