

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gertrude Jack Lewis of Houston is celebrating her
2 100th birthday on July 17, 2011, to the great delight of her family
3 and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, The sixth of 13 children in a close-knit family,
5 Mrs. Lewis was born to Irene and Louis Jack in Sorrel, Louisiana,
6 and later grew up on Weeks Island; she assumed responsibility at an
7 early age, helping to care for her younger brothers and sisters and
8 working in vegetable and sugarcane fields for 20 cents per day; and

9 WHEREAS, Gertrude and Clarence Lewis, Sr., exchanged their
10 wedding vows on October 13, 1931, at a ceremony held in St. Mary
11 Parish; the newlyweds subsequently moved to Houston, where they
12 stayed with the bride's oldest brother, Willie, while they got
13 settled; Mrs. Lewis and her husband became the proud parents of five
14 children, Freddie, Lenard, Clarence, William, and Mary, and shared
15 a rewarding marriage of nearly 70 years, until Mr. Lewis's passing
16 in 2001; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Lewis still resides in the Trinity
18 Gardens neighborhood, where she and Mr. Lewis raised their family,
19 and she is still a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church,
20 which she first started attending with her husband and children
21 long ago; this beloved matriarch enjoys visits from her children,
22 her numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her three
23 siblings, and many other relatives and friends; and

24 WHEREAS, Blessed with the affection of a host of loved ones

1 and sustained by her strong faith, Mrs. Lewis has gracefully
2 reached the century mark and continues to enrich the lives of all
3 who are fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Gertrude Jack
6 Lewis on the occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her
7 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 39

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 39 was adopted by the House on June 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House