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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan truly merits
2 special recognition, and on July 4, 2011, Lula Beatrice McGough
3 Jordan of Dallas is marking this notable milestone; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, on July 4, 1911,
5 the former Lula McGough is the daughter of Emma Philyaue and Louis
6 McGough; she attended Georgia Fay Glover Elementary School through
7 the second grade before leaving to help her family by chopping
8 cotton, keeping house, and performing various other jobs; undaunted
9 in her determination to read and write, she learned these skills
10 with the help of other schoolchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan moved to Dallas at the age of 19;
12 she married William McKinley Jordan in 1943, and three years later,
13 the couple took in Mr. Jordan's two-month-old niece, Jeri Ann, to
14 raise as their own; and

15 WHEREAS, Diligent, thrifty, and resourceful, Mrs. Jordan
16 bought her own home in 1965 and continues to reside there today; she
17 retired from housekeeping and then devoted herself to helping
18 children as an adopted grandparent for the Salvation Army; when her
19 sister needed her, she traveled to Lawton, Oklahoma, to care for her
20 until her passing; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jordan is a valued member of Israel Baptist
22 Church, where she sings in the choir and holds the titles of church
23 queen and church mother; taking only vitamins to ensure her
24 continued good health, she has never been ill, and she credits her

1 longevity to having concern for others, working toward goals, and
2 observing the Sabbath; in all her endeavors, she enjoys the support
3 and encouragement of her daughter and caregiver, Jeri Ann Joiner;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Friendly, kind, and genteel, Lula Jordan has greatly
6 enhanced the lives of her family and friends over the past century,
7 and her wisdom and experience are a source of inspiration to all;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Lula Beatrice
11 McGough Jordan on the occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to
12 her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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