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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 90th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed a
2 special occasion, and Agnes Eve Pulk Farmer of Wood County is
3 celebrating this memorable milestone on January 26, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1921, the former Agnes
5 Pulk grew up there during the Depression; she lost her father when
6 she was quite young and learned to become hardworking and
7 resourceful; as a teen, she often cleaned the stalls at a local
8 stable in exchange for time on horseback, and her love of riding
9 earned her the nickname "Boots"; and

10 WHEREAS, The outbreak of World War II prompted the intrepid
11 young woman to join the Civil Air Patrol and begin flying lessons;
12 she also supported the war effort by working in a defense plant,
13 welding wing tips and ammunition boxes for fighter planes; in 1943,
14 she married Charles Marshall Farmer, a member of the Army Air Corps,
15 and moved to Hondo while he completed his training; they became the
16 parents of a daughter, Willie Kay, the following year, and when Mr.
17 Farmer was deployed to the Pacific theater, Mrs. Farmer went to stay
18 with his parents on their farm near Detroit, Texas; although she was
19 raised in the city, she applied herself industriously to the
20 farming life; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Farmer relocated to San Antonio with her
22 husband when he returned to Texas, and their second daughter, Donna
23 Fay, was born there; they later settled on a small farm in Red River
24 County, and their son, James Avery, was born in Clarksville in 1950,

1 four years before the family moved to Grand Prairie; and

2 WHEREAS, A devoted mother, Mrs. Farmer became the head of the
3 household after her marriage ended in 1956; she earned the last
4 half-credit she needed to obtain her high school diploma and went on
5 to complete her associate degree in psychology and nursing at El
6 Centro College; through the ensuing years, she demonstrated
7 characteristic industriousness, and she continues to be active and
8 productive as she enters her ninth decade; this admirable Texan
9 sews and quilts every day, and she won two awards in the Mineola
10 League of the Arts Quilt Show 2009; and

11 WHEREAS, Meeting life's challenges with resilience,
12 optimism, and determination, Agnes Farmer is an inspiration to
13 many, and she holds a special place in the hearts of all who are
14 privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Agnes Eve Pulk Farmer on the
17 occasion of her 90th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes
18 for continued happiness; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mrs. Farmer as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.