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H.R. No. 487

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Glenn Ratliff of Monahans commemorated a remarkable
2 milestone in his life with the observance of his 100th birthday on
3 January 30, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Glenn Lafayette Ratliff was born to John and Nora
5 Ratliff on January 30, 1911, in his grandparents' home in Coppell;
6 he grew up in a family of seven children and lived in several
7 different Texas towns, including Waco, Fort Worth, Sanger, Denton,
8 and Eldorado, as his father completed seminary studies and then
9 worked as a Baptist pastor; and

10 WHEREAS, After graduating from Eldorado High School in 1929,
11 Mr. Ratliff went on to Baylor University, where he played
12 basketball and earned a degree in business administration in 1933;
13 he married the former Ophelia Wood on June 7, 1938, and they were
14 blessed with four sons, Adair, John, Joe, and Dan; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratliff entered the insurance business in the
16 late 1930s, and he became a partner in the Key and Ratliff Insurance
17 Agency of Monahans in 1940; with the exception of the period between
18 1942 and 1945, when he was a field agent with the FBI as part of the
19 war effort, Mr. Ratliff has remained in Monahans ever since; in the
20 years following the war, he continued in the insurance business and
21 also operated the Monahans Development Company, and he became a
22 founding stockholder in the First National Bank of Monahans;
23 through his various business endeavors, he was instrumental in the
24 area's residential and commercial growth in the postwar era; and

1 WHEREAS, A longtime member of First Baptist Church, he has
2 served as a deacon, a teacher, and a member of numerous congregation
3 committees; he helped start the Little League program in town and
4 served as its president, and he has also been president of the Lions
5 Club, the Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce, and the Monahans
6 Country Club, in addition to holding membership in many other civic
7 organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, In his century of living, this esteemed Texan has
9 witnessed monumental changes on the world stage while also helping
10 his community to grow and prosper, and he may reflect with pride on
11 his many achievements and on the positive influence he has had in
12 the lives of his friends, neighbors, and loved ones; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Glenn Ratliff on his 100th birthday
16 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and,
17 be it further

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