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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed
2 cause for celebration, and Odessa Prescott of Fort Worth is marking
3 this notable milestone on March 20, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Barzell and Lydia Willis, the former
5 Odessa Willis was born in Bremond on March 20, 1911; she was joined
6 in matrimony to Joe Prescott in 1928, and the couple were blessed
7 with 11 children, Willie Faye, Roberta, Helen, Vernon, Charles,
8 John Edward, Gene, Annie Pearl, Dorothy Jean, Mildred Louise, and
9 Joe Willie; through the years, Mrs. Prescott has also welcomed into
10 her family 26 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and 34
11 great-great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, This industrious Texan worked as a cook at Fairway
13 Steak House, and after her retirement from the restaurant, she
14 engaged in domestic work before finally retiring again in her late
15 90s; a woman of great faith, she is a Mother of the Church at Lake
16 Como Church of God in Christ and has served as a Sunday school
17 teacher; she was a regular speaker on "Heavenly Gospel" radio
18 station KSBN 97.0 for three years, and she attends church
19 conventions as well as services; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Prescott has benefited others through her
21 membership in the Como Community Neighborhood Association and
22 Community Senior Citizen Group; she enjoys traveling, spending time
23 with her family, and participating in reunions, and among her
24 favorite memories is her appearance on the television program *The*

1 *Price is Right* in 2003, when she won a car; and

2 WHEREAS, Blessed with the affection of a host of loved ones
3 and sustained by her strong faith, Odessa Prescott has gracefully
4 reached the century mark, and she is a source of inspiration to all
5 who are privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Odessa Prescott on the occasion of
8 her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for
9 continued happiness; and, be it further

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