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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Van Van Osdall of Houston commemorated a remarkable
2 milestone in her life on February 20, 2011, when she celebrated her
3 100th birthday; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Akron, Ohio, in 1911 to Belle and Harry
5 Dellenberger, she married Fred Van Osdall in 1936 and came to
6 Houston with him in 1950; the couple shared more than six decades
7 together, until Mr. Van Osdall's passing in 1997, and they became
8 the parents of three children, John, Christine, and Mary Jane;
9 through the passing years, Mrs. Van Osdall has had the pleasure of
10 welcoming into her family six grandchildren and eight
11 great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1960, she helped to found the Braes Republican
13 Women organization and served as its president in 1963, 1967, and
14 1980; the group contributed to the successful election in 1961 of
15 John Tower, the first Republican U.S. senator from Texas since
16 Reconstruction, and was also instrumental in the election of future
17 U.S. senator Kay Bailey Hutchison to the state legislature; Mrs.
18 Van Osdall still participates in the group, which is thought to be
19 the oldest Republican women's club active in Harris County today;
20 moreover, she volunteered for many years in the Methodist Hospital
21 System, and since 1951, she has been a member of Bethany United
22 Methodist Church, where she participated in Sunday school and other
23 church programs; and

24 WHEREAS, Van Van Osdall has witnessed a panorama of change

1 during a historic century, and her 100th birthday offers a fitting
2 opportunity to remind her of the special place she holds in the
3 hearts of her friends and loved ones; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Van Van Osdall on her 100th
6 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
7 happiness; and, be it further

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