

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 T. J. Rosson reached this remarkable
3 milestone in his life on March 22, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, "Hap" Rosson was
5 born in Winters in 1911; growing up, he helped his father at the
6 family store, stocking shelves, cleaning up, and making deliveries
7 with a horse and buggy; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Rosson later lived in Hamlin and San Angelo,
9 where he played football as a defensive halfback; at a young age, he
10 earned his nickname, short for Happy, with his cheerful demeanor
11 and fondness for singing *Oh Happy Day*, and that moniker proved so
12 fitting it is still used today; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1941, Mr. Rosson married the love of his life,
14 Gertrude, with whom he shared nearly seven decades before her
15 passing; the couple raised six children, Judy, Marilyn, Gail, Dick,
16 Nancy, and Doug, and through the years the family took vacations
17 throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Europe; and

18 WHEREAS, The Rossons lived in Tulsa before moving to Austin
19 in 1945; in an effort to escape the big city, they settled in
20 Georgetown, which Mr. Rosson has called home since the early 1970s;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, For much of his life, this beloved patriarch enjoyed
23 reading and writing, and he authored many poems that paid tribute to
24 his family; and

1 WHEREAS, A source of wisdom and inspiration, Hap Rosson has
2 witnessed a panorama of change during a historic century, and his
3 100th birthday offers a welcome opportunity for his loved ones to
4 acknowledge the special place he holds in their hearts; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate T. J. Rosson on his 100th birthday
8 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and,
9 be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1063

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1063 was adopted by the House on April 7, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House