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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan truly merits
2 special recognition, and Hazel Walker Trammell of Mount Pleasant is
3 celebrating this joyous milestone on April 24, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Mount Pleasant on April 24, 1911, the former
5 Hazel Walker was the oldest daughter of Henry and Iwiller Walker;
6 she was named salutatorian of her class at Booker T. Washington
7 School and graduated from Centerpoint High School in Pittsburg;
8 determined to further her education, she went on to attend Prairie
9 View State Normal and Industrial College; and

10 WHEREAS, She married United States Army Corporal Maceo
11 Trammell on January 17, 1942, and the couple shared a rewarding
12 relationship of 36 years before his passing in 1978; kind and
13 nurturing, Mrs. Trammell dedicated herself to the well-being of her
14 nieces and nephews and has been an outstanding role model for her
15 younger relatives; and

16 WHEREAS, Through the years, she worked as a seamstress and
17 debt collector and cared for a number of children in their homes;
18 Mrs. Trammell has most notably benefited Mt. Olive Baptist Church,
19 where she is a lifelong member and has run the kitchen and served as
20 superintendent of the Sunday school; taking on myriad leadership
21 roles, she has served as commander and secretary of the American
22 Woodmen and as secretary of the Heroines of Jericho; in addition,
23 she has been a member of the Ladies' Sunshine Club and the Secret
24 Pal Club; and

1 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to her community, Mrs. Trammell
2 became the first African American woman to run for the Mount
3 Pleasant City Council; she volunteered extensively for decades,
4 and, as an octogenarian, she delighted friends by proclaiming that
5 she had to "go feed the old people" as she set out on her Meals on
6 Wheels route; moreover, she gave generously of her time and talents
7 to assist "the old folks" in nursing homes, sewing and laundering
8 gowns for them and bringing cheer through her vivacious
9 personality; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Trammell has spent many happy hours socializing
11 over pinochle and a variety of board and card games; blessed with
12 numerous talents, she has earned great admiration for her beautiful
13 quilts and adventurous cooking, and her delicious hot tamales, made
14 from scratch, have always been much in demand; and

15 WHEREAS, Vibrant and generous, Hazel Trammell is a source of
16 inspiration to all who are fortunate enough to know her, and she may
17 reflect with satisfaction on a century of life well lived; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Hazel Walker Trammell on the
21 occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes
22 for continued happiness; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mrs. Trammell as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.