

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bernice Hatcher of Grapevine celebrated her 100th
2 birthday on February 21, 2011, and a host of friends and admirers
3 gathered to extend to her congratulations and best wishes; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1911, Mrs. Hatcher learned to play the piano
5 by ear at the age of six and began taking piano lessons at nine; she
6 went on to earn a music degree from William Woods University in
7 Missouri and a master's degree at the University of North Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, While living in Oklahoma City, Mrs. Hatcher taught
9 school and worked for a music company, where she often performed
10 sheet music for customers so they could hear it before they
11 purchased it; she also played for stage shows and once performed
12 with Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1938, she was joined in matrimony to John Scott
14 Hatcher, and together they were blessed with a son, John Scott
15 Hatcher, Jr.; she and her family moved to Pampa, Texas, in 1948,
16 where they made their home for nearly two decades; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hatcher was a graduate student at UNT when the
18 principal of Cannon Elementary School invited her to become a
19 teacher with the Grapevine school district; she joined the faculty
20 at Colleyville Elementary in 1966 and taught first grade until her
21 retirement in 1976; today she is a member of the
22 Grapevine-Colleyville Association of Retired School Employees, the
23 Texas Retired Teachers Association, and the National Education
24 Association; and

1 WHEREAS, A charter member of the Grapevine Senior Chorus,
2 Mrs. Hatcher served as the group's accompanist, performing every
3 week at the Grapevine Senior Activities Center; she has also played
4 the piano for many other groups in the community, including the
5 Chamber of Commerce, the Elks Lodge, and the Lions Club; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to her love of music, Mrs. Hatcher
7 enjoyed playing golf for many years and was a founding member of the
8 Grapevine Ladies Golf League; she played her last round at the age
9 of 90; she is also a member of the Grapevine Garden Club and the
10 Second Advent Christian Church; and

11 WHEREAS, Bernice Hatcher is a source of great inspiration,
12 and her 100th birthday provided a welcome opportunity for her
13 friends and loved ones to express their admiration and affection
14 and to acknowledge the special place she holds in their hearts; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Bernice Hatcher on her 100th
18 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
19 happiness; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mrs. Hatcher as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1586

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1586 was adopted by the House on May 12, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House