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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.