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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly
2 cause for celebration, and Cleo Johnson Ashley of Houston is
3 marking that significant milestone in her life on May 20, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Cleo Johnson was born in 1911 to Edward
5 and Cora Johnson in the community of Willis; the fifth of eight
6 children, she grew up with the companionship of her brothers and
7 sisters, Robert, Edward, Lesley, Addie Mae, Earnestine, Rosie, and
8 Gladys, and attended Phillis Wheatley High School in Houston; and

9 WHEREAS, On April 29, 1935, she married Lorane Arthur Ashley,
10 Sr., and the couple were blessed with four sons, Lorane, Charles,
11 Donald, and Michael, and a daughter, Joan; over the years, Mrs.
12 Ashley has seen her children go on to enjoy successful careers and
13 rewarding family lives; along the way, she has gained 3
14 daughters-in-law, Peola, Brenda, and Mattie Ashley, and 9
15 grandchildren, Glenn, Kevin, Dewayne, Keith, Kenneth, Lisa, Donna,
16 Trishauna, and the late Rick Ashley; with the passing years, her
17 family has further grown to include 17 great-grandchildren and 10
18 great-great-grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, A woman of strong faith, Mrs. Ashley has been a
20 congregant of the Fifth Ward Church of Christ for more than seven
21 decades; and

22 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to her loved ones, Cleo Johnson
23 Ashley is cherished by all who know her for her kind and caring
24 ways, and it is a pleasure to honor her on a century of life well

1 lived; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Cleo Johnson Ashley on the joyous
4 occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes
5 for continued happiness; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mrs. Ashley as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.