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H.R. No. 2151

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Isora DeRacy Young of Stephenville is celebrating
2 her 106th birthday on May 20, 2011, and it is indeed a pleasure to
3 recognize this distinguished member of the National Cowgirl Hall of
4 Fame on such a joyous occasion; and

5 WHEREAS, The daughter of Homer and Catherine Johnson, the
6 former Isora Johnson was born on May 20, 1905, and grew up on a ranch
7 south of Pecos; she loved to rope and ride from an early age, but as
8 a young wife and mother, she worked for a time as a deputy in the
9 Reeves County sheriff's department, collecting taxes with a
10 pearl-handled revolver at her side; after her daughter grew older,
11 she traveled all over the country performing and was promoted as one
12 of only two cowgirl calf ropers in the world; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1939, she married cowboy I. W. "Dub" Young, and
14 they traveled together to compete in rodeos across the West; Mrs.
15 Young was a talented barrel racer as well as a calf roper, and she
16 helped establish the Girls Rodeo Association, the first
17 professional sports organization for women; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Young and her husband bought a ranch near
19 Stephenville and then lived on a ranch in South Dakota until they
20 retired from competition; they later returned to Erath County,
21 where Mrs. Young founded an income tax service and built up a
22 clientele of more than 400; after her husband's passing in 1976, she
23 settled in Stephenville; and

24 WHEREAS, The National Cowgirl Hall of Fame inducted Mrs.

1 Young in 1979, and she is a member of the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame as
2 well; today, she continues to live independently with her cat and
3 enjoys eating spicy food; the cherished matriarch is surrounded by
4 the love of a fine family that includes three granddaughters, six
5 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Through the years, Isora DeRacy Young has set an
7 example of strength, confidence, and enterprise as a pioneering
8 cowgirl and successful rancher and tax professional, and she is a
9 lasting source of inspiration to all who are privileged to know her;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Isora DeRacy Young on the occasion
13 of her 106th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for
14 continued happiness; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mrs. Young as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.