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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 90th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed a
2 cause for celebration, and Beatrice Conn is marking that notable
3 milestone in her life on September 28, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Beatrice Conn was born in Bristol, a small town in
5 Ellis County, in 1923; during her years in school, she was greatly
6 influenced by a number of her teachers, whose encouragement
7 motivated her to excel in her studies; other fond memories from her
8 youth include her selection for the cheerleading squad when she was
9 a junior and the honor she enjoyed of carrying the American flag
10 while leading the marching band; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1940, while still in high school, she met her
12 future husband, George, on a blind date arranged by friends; the
13 pair fell in love at first sight, and they were married in 1941,
14 shortly after her graduation; over the years, they became the proud
15 parents of two sons; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Conn found work as a secretary at the Ferris
17 Brick Company and then as an office manager for Marilyn Belt; after
18 the United States entered World War II, Mr. Conn enlisted in the
19 merchant marine and served on a number of ships until the end of
20 hostilities; within a short while of returning home, he was
21 inspired to enter the pastorate, and the ensuing years saw the
22 family move to various communities as he followed his calling;
23 while living in Myrtle Springs in Van Zandt County, Mrs. Conn took a
24 job at Terrell State Hospital, and she continued to work at the

1 facility until her retirement in 1987; and

2 WHEREAS, The couple later grew peas and tomatoes and had
3 success as merchants at the First Monday Trade Days in Canton; since
4 her husband's passing in 2003, Mrs. Conn has continued to draw
5 comfort from her strong religious faith and has widened her circle
6 of close friends; and

7 WHEREAS, Beatrice Conn has witnessed a panorama of change
8 during nine decades of life well lived, and her birthday offers a
9 fitting opportunity to remind her of the special place she holds in
10 the hearts of all of her loved ones; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Beatrice Conn on her
13 90th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
14 happiness; and, be it further

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