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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 special occasion, and Madeleine Kaiser DeWeese of Houston marked
3 this significant milestone in her life on April 10, 2012; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1922, the former Madeleine Kaiser grew up in
5 Pont-a-Mousson in the Lorraine region of France; she met her future
6 husband, E. R. DeWeese, Jr., in November 1944, when he was stationed
7 in Lorraine as a quartermaster officer in the United States Army
8 during World War II; the couple met through a French family, which
9 had welcomed Captain DeWeese as one of their own, and began studying
10 English and French together; and

11 WHEREAS, Captain DeWeese was transferred stateside soon
12 after their marriage, and Mrs. DeWeese made arrangements to follow
13 him as soon as possible; following a grueling passage on a converted
14 hospital ship, she was reunited with her husband in New York, and
15 they rushed to Paris, Texas, to visit his ailing father; a reporter
16 from a Dallas newspaper covered her debarkation at Love Field on
17 April 4, 1946, in an article recounting her "dramatic 5,000 mile
18 dash" to meet her father-in-law; she is believed to have been the
19 first war bride to arrive in the area; and

20 WHEREAS, After settling in Hugo, Oklahoma, Mrs. DeWeese
21 worked diligently to improve her English, and she became a United
22 States citizen in 1954; she voted Republican in her first election
23 and has maintained steadfast allegiance to the party ever since;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. DeWeese takes great pride in her
2 daughters, Vivian Yancey and Donna Patschke, her grandchildren,
3 Blake Yancey, Allison Patschke, and Amanda Patschke, and her
4 great-grandchild, Colton Parker Yancey; and

5 WHEREAS, Madeleine DeWeese has earned the admiration and
6 affection of countless people through the years, and it is truly a
7 pleasure to honor this treasured nonagenarian; now, therefore, be
8 it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Madeleine Kaiser DeWeese on her
11 90th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
12 happiness; and, be it further

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