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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Beatrice Lehman Green of Houston, who has made many
2 notable contributions to her community over the years, is
3 celebrating her 100th birthday on March 1, 2013, and this milestone
4 is indeed deserving of special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Mansura, Louisiana, Mrs. Green studied
6 education at Concordia College in Alabama; she moved to Houston in
7 the late 1930s and married Allie Charles Green, with whom she shared
8 60 years of joyful marriage until his passing in 2001; they became
9 the parents of a daughter, and over the years, Mrs. Green's family
10 has grown to include a granddaughter, 3 great-grandchildren, 3
11 great-grandchildren-in-law, and 11 great-great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Green cofounded Holy Cross Lutheran Church, the
13 first African American Lutheran church in Texas, in Houston in
14 1939; she has participated in the church choir, the Lutheran
15 Women's Missionary League, the Altar Guild, Bible Class, and Sunday
16 school; and

17 WHEREAS, During the Great Depression, Mrs. Green accepted a
18 position in the home of James Baker, Jr., caring for the family's
19 two children, one of whom, James Baker III, eventually served this
20 country as secretary of the treasury and as secretary of state; Mrs.
21 Green remained with the Baker family for 40 years, later becoming
22 Mrs. Baker's personal secretary; and

23 WHEREAS, A longtime advocate for social justice, Bea Green
24 played an active role in the Civil Rights movement, at one point

1 taking part in a sit-in at the State Capitol; she also worked
2 extensively with the Women's Activities Department of the AFL-CIO
3 and served as secretary of the Harris County Council of
4 Organizations; in addition, she worked with the Model Cities
5 program, served as a board member for the Blue Triangle Branch of
6 the YWCA, and for many years held the post of assistant precinct
7 judge for Precinct No. 247; she has been affiliated with the Third
8 Ward Community Club, Magnolia Garden Club, and Entre-Nous Club; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Green is an avid reader, and she delights in
10 visiting on the phone with relatives and friends; she also enjoys
11 going to church functions, luncheons, museums, plays, family
12 gatherings, and line dancing events, and she has been chosen by the
13 Third Ward Line Dancers to serve as their mascot; and

14 WHEREAS, Blessed with the affection of many loved ones and
15 sustained by her strong faith, Bea Green has gracefully reached the
16 century mark and continues to enrich the lives of all who are
17 fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Beatrice Lehman Green on the
20 occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes
21 for continued happiness; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Mrs. Green as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.