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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Clarine Deaver of Belton commemorated a special
- 2 milestone in her life with the celebration of her 90th birthday on
- 3 December 19, 2011; and
- WHEREAS, Born in 1921 to Irene and Tom Willie Smith in Belton,
- 5 the former Clarine Smith attended school in Academy; she married
- 6 Willie Melborn Deaver in 1940, and while he was serving his country
- 7 in the military during World War II, she continued her studies and
- 8 earned her high school diploma; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Deaver also attended beauty school and worked
- 10 as a beautician to help support her family; her husband was employed
- 11 with the Santa Fe Railroad, and his job took the family to San
- 12 Angelo and Bangs before he retired and the couple returned to
- 13 Belton; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Loving partners and lifelong friends, Mrs. Deaver
- 15 and her husband shared nearly 60 years together, until his passing
- 16 in 1999; they became the parents of three children, Clara Beth
- 17 Deaver, Lynn Jerlline Barnes, and Veta Carol Young, and Mrs. Deaver
- 18 has since welcomed into her family two grandchildren, Mark Deaver
- 19 Neeley and Cristina Louise Massey, and three great-grandchildren,
- 20 Kelyn Green, Kensie Green, and Kaden Massey; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Deaver lives near the home in which she
- 22 was raised and not far from her grandfather's house, now a Recorded
- 23 Texas Historic Landmark; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Clarine Deaver is deeply cherished by an admiring

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- 1 circle of family and friends, and her nine decades of life well
- 2 lived are an inspiration to all who know her; now, therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 4 Legislature hereby congratulate Clarine Deaver on her 90th birthday
- 5 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and,
- 6 be it further
- 7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 8 prepared for Mrs. Deaver as an expression of high regard by the
- 9 Texas House of Representatives.