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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan truly merits
2 special recognition, and Kaye Blew of Athens marked this notable
3 milestone on January 30, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Athens in 1913, the former Ratha Bell McKay
5 attended grade school in Modoc and high school in Athens; while at
6 Athens High, she was a guard for the Hornet Lassies basketball team,
7 which made history in 1930 as the only Athens team to win a state
8 championship; after graduation, she went on to play on a
9 semiprofessional team in Dallas called the Shoe Shop Girls; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Blew had trouble finding work in Dallas during
11 the Great Depression and returned to Athens to pick cotton; for the
12 Texas Centennial celebration in 1936, she worked at a souvenir
13 stand on the midway of the Dallas Fairgrounds, and a year later, she
14 found a position at the Pan American Games; through these jobs, she
15 enjoyed meeting people from around the world; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1938, she married Charles Raymond Belding, and
17 the couple were blessed with three daughters, Robyn, Rayna, and
18 Judy; Mr. and Mrs. Belding shared nearly five decades together
19 before Mr. Belding passed away in 1984; fortunate enough to find
20 love again, she married her high school sweetheart, Tom Hubbard, in
21 1988, and they enjoyed many happy years before his death; in 2003,
22 at the age of 90, she married James Blew, and although he passed
23 away later that same year, their brief time together remains a
24 source of many fond memories; and

1 WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Blew continues to enjoy gardening and
2 has recently begun to take painting lessons; civically engaged, she
3 has volunteered for many campaigns, has worked the polls, and has
4 voted in every election since she came of age; when asked the secret
5 to her longevity, she cites the hard work of her youth, physical
6 activity such as waterskiing 36 miles a day well into her 70s, and
7 the abundance of love she has experienced as the matriarch of a
8 family that has grown to include grandchildren,
9 great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Over her many decades of life, Kaye Blew has earned
11 the admiration and affection of all who are privileged to know her,
12 and it is indeed a pleasure to honor this remarkable centenarian;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Kaye Blew on her 100th birthday and
16 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mrs. Blew as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.