## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan truly merits special recognition, and Ross Mallette of Lake Fork marked this notable milestone on January 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1913 in Nebraska, Mr. Mallette was raised on farms there and in Minnesota and Iowa; in 1936, he married Helen Overman, with whom he shared many happy years, and his family has since grown to include children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Up until World War II, Mr. Mallette managed three Iowa farms and saw them through the Great Depression; he took up welding during the war, repairing $B-17$ airplanes at the Sioux City air base in Iowa, and later worked in a variety of occupations, including welding, construction, sales, and school maintenance; he retired in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mallette resided in Arkansas for a time before moving to Texas; since 2005, he has lived in Lake Fork with his daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Cary Collins; and

WHEREAS, The wisdom and experience of centenarians are a source of enduring inspiration, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor Ross Mallette for having joined an elite group of Texans who can claim 100 years of meaningful achievements and wonderful memories; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Ross Mallette on his looth birthday

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1084 was adopted by the House on April 3, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

