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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The 105th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed a 2 special occasion, and Laura Ann Ransom of Denver City is 3 celebrating this milestone with family and friends on April 16, 4 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Atoka, Oklahoma, in 1908, the former Laura 6 Rutherford is the daughter of Benson and Sidney Jane Rutherford; 7 she spent her early years in central and western Oklahoma; and

8 WHEREAS, She was joined in matrimony to Clyde Ransom, and the 9 couple became the proud parents of a daughter, Ovella; later, Mrs. 10 Ransom experienced the joy of welcoming into her family a 11 granddaughter and grandson; and

WHEREAS, For many years, she and her husband owned and operated Ransom Photography Studio in Hobart, Oklahoma; they later retired from the business and moved to Pampa, Texas; following the death of her husband, Mrs. Ransom lived for a time in Memphis, Texas, and in 2004, she moved to Denver City to be near family members; and

WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Ransom is a treasured resident of the Shinnery Oaks Community, where she generously shares her wealth of fascinating memories with others; she participates in a morning exercise class, and on Sunday afternoons, she delights in visits from area church choirs; while her failing eyesight has kept her from such favorite activities as knitting and crocheting, she takes great pleasure in singing along to hymns and getting her nails done;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, Laura Ransom has witnessed a panorama of change over 3 the course of more than a century, and through her faith, wisdom, 4 and experience, she continues to enrich the lives of all who are 5 fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas 7 Legislature hereby congratulate Laura Ann Ransom on the occasion of 8 her 105th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for 9 continued happiness; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 11 prepared for Mrs. Ransom as an expression of high regard by the 12 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1346 was adopted by the House on April 17, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House