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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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.