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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The wisdom and experience of centenarians are a
2 source of enduring inspiration, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor
3 Ruby Lee Martin Beebe of Kermit for joining this elite group of
4 Texans on April 29, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, The former Ruby Martin was born to George and Maggie
6 Martin in South Bend, Texas, in 1913; she grew up in the company of
7 two brothers and four sisters and came to understand the value and
8 virtue of hard work at an early age; she helped her family to farm
9 cotton and raise livestock and garden produce, and she learned to
10 sew, quilt, cook, and can; her skill as a seamstress was widely
11 recognized, and expectant mothers in the area treasured the baby
12 clothes and quilts she made for them; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Beebe survived the Spanish flu pandemic in 1918
14 and later helped her family during the Great Depression by
15 collecting pecans and fishing from the Brazos River; while still in
16 school, she raised chickens and won a free trip to Fort Worth for
17 her poultry entry at the Young County Fair; she also distinguished
18 herself with her athletic ability and became a star on South Bend's
19 championship basketball team; and

20 WHEREAS, She met her husband, Paul Beebe, in 1930, and the
21 couple shared more than six happy decades of marriage before his
22 passing in 1992; over the years, they resided in New Mexico, as well
23 as in Denver City and Kermit, Texas, as Mr. Beebe held a series of
24 jobs with El Paso Natural Gas, and they raised three sons, Martin,

1 Paul, and Claude, and a daughter, Alice; Mrs. Beebe's excellent
2 cooking and baking skills were prized by her husband and children,
3 and her German chocolate cake and chocolate chip cookies were
4 special favorites; and

5 WHEREAS, Respected for her generosity and her involvement in
6 community activities, Mrs. Beebe took part in a variety of church
7 functions in the towns where she lived, participating in Sunday
8 school, Bible classes, and quilting groups; she also made it a point
9 to support soldiers by sending care packages to those serving
10 overseas; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Beebe's family has grown to include 14
12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 29
13 great-great-grandchildren; blessed with their affection and
14 sustained by her strong faith, she has gracefully reached the
15 century mark and continues to enrich the lives of all who are
16 fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature hereby honor Ruby Lee Martin Beebe on the joyous
19 occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes
20 for continued happiness; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mrs. Beebe as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.