

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1032

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in honoring Joyce Lavergne Stewart Smith on the occasion of her 80th birthday, on June 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS, This gracious lady and loyal friend is being celebrated in the presence of her many admirers on June 1, 2013; over the years, she has inspired countless individuals, who revere her for her wise counsel, her love for life, and her kindhearted nature; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1933 in Big Sandy, Joyce Smith grew up with six brothers; in 1954, she married her sweetheart, Bobbie Smith, whose work as an oil and gas man took the family to points across Mississippi, Texas, and Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Regardless of where the family lived, Mrs. Smith created a comfortable home, was a gracious hostess, and made many friends, and she was an encouraging mother to her three sons, Richard, Steve, and Bill; and

WHEREAS, As Mr. Smith prepared to retire, the couple purchased a farm in Marshall, where they grew blackberries and raspberries and ran a pick-your-own operation; Mrs. Smith made any extra berries into delicious jams and jellies and sold them in Jefferson and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, After her husband passed away, Mrs. Smith lived for a time in Jefferson and then moved to Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, to be close to her eldest son and his family; today, her sons and their families and her many other loved ones, including numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, are thrilled to have the good fortune to pay homage to the life of this extraordinary lady; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby congratulate Joyce Lavergne Stewart Smith on her 80th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for an enjoyable celebration of this milestone in her life; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 22, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate