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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed a
2 special occasion, and Jerome Barta of Bonus is celebrating this
3 momentous milestone in his life on March 26, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Schulenburg in 1915, Mr. Barta is the son of
5 Frances and John Barta; he attended high school until his
6 mid-teens, when he went to work full-time on the farm; after his
7 family moved to Bonus, he was employed as a sales clerk for Sellers
8 Mercantile Company before enlisting in the United States Army; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Barta served his country from May 5, 1941, to
10 September 5, 1945, in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of World War II;
11 he was a technician fourth grade in Company C, 30th Engineer Corps
12 Battalion; for his service in Papua New Guinea, he received three
13 Bronze Stars, and his decorations further include a Good Conduct
14 Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, and Distinguished Unit
15 Citation WD GO No. 21; and

16 WHEREAS, Following his honorable discharge, Mr. Barta
17 returned to the family farm, where he raised cotton, corn, and feed;
18 he remains a bachelor, and with typical dry wit, he has explained
19 that having made it home from one war, he had no desire to start
20 another; today, he continues to reside in his three-bedroom,
21 clapboard home in Bonus; and

22 WHEREAS, Jerome Barta's resilience and strength of character
23 are a source of enduring inspiration, and he enriches the lives of
24 all who are fortunate enough to know him with his wisdom,

1 experience, and wonderful sense of humor; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Jerome Barta on his 100th birthday
4 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and,
5 be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. Barta as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.