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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Eloise Smith Wilson of Bell County is celebrating  
2 her 90th birthday on April 20, 2015, and this occasion provides a  
3 welcome opportunity to remind her of the high regard in which she is  
4 held by all who know her; and

5 WHEREAS, The former Helen Eloise Smith was born on April 20,  
6 1925, to Tom Willie and Irene Jones Smith on a farm just west of  
7 Belton, located along Nolan Creek; as part of a family of farmers  
8 and longtime residents of Bell County, she spent most of her time  
9 outdoors, playing with her sister and three brothers or helping to  
10 harvest the cotton and corn; and

11 WHEREAS, Growing up during the Great Depression taught  
12 Mrs. Wilson the value of perseverance at an early age; following  
13 her graduation from Academy Consolidated High School, she moved to  
14 Temple and obtained her first job at Power's Drug as a "soda jerk"  
15 for a dollar a day; she went on to work at various other stores  
16 before becoming a secretary for a high school principal, and she was  
17 later employed by tax offices in both Bell and McLennan Counties;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilson eventually turned her hand to real  
20 estate and became a broker in the Belton area, where she owned,  
21 maintained, and managed single-family rental properties; at the age  
22 of 50, she continued to expand her expertise and became a general  
23 contractor, and her diligence and ability to make smart investments  
24 helped her career flourish; and

1           WHEREAS, This esteemed woman, who was married to Billy Ed  
2 Wilson for 35 years until his passing, has a son, Eddie, and two  
3 daughters, Tammy and Ricci; a dedicated wife and mother who  
4 supported her children in their church and school activities, she  
5 also served as a member of the Parent-Teacher Association, a Cub  
6 Scout Den Mother, and as vice president of the Bell County A&M  
7 Mothers' Club; moreover, she volunteered for several years with the  
8 Hospice Thrift Store, and she is a longtime, active member of the  
9 First Baptist Church in Belton; blessed with a growing family, she  
10 today enjoys the love and affection of six grandchildren and seven  
11 great-grandchildren; and

12           WHEREAS, In her leisure time, Mrs. Wilson has traveled widely  
13 across the United States, Canada, and Mexico with family and  
14 friends, with her adventures including a rafting trip through the  
15 Grand Canyon when she was 70 years old; she has brought to all of her  
16 endeavors, whether gardening and landscaping at her own home or  
17 making improvements to rental properties, the same hard work and  
18 determination that made her career in real estate so successful;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, A source of joy and inspiration to many people,  
21 Eloise Smith Wilson may indeed reflect with great satisfaction on a  
22 lifetime of achievement; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Eloise Smith Wilson on her 90th  
25 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
26 happiness; and, be it further

27           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mrs. Wilson as an expression of high regard by the  
2 Texas House of Representatives.