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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed
- 2 cause for celebration, and Lois Miller of Friona is marking this
- 3 momentous milestone in her life on April 5, 2015; and
- WHEREAS, Born in Deaf Smith County in 1915, the former Lois
- 5 Agnes Smith is the daughter of Lewis Allen "L. A." Smith and Bessie
- 6 Smith; growing up on the family farm, she helped pick cotton with
- 7 her four younger sisters, Syble, Ella, Sara, and Doris, and learned
- 8 to drive a full cotton truck at an early age; and
- 9 WHEREAS, She attended West Texas State College for two years,
- 10 and in 1935, she was joined in matrimony to Norman Robert Miller;
- 11 the couple became the proud parents of four children, Bob, Lucy
- 12 Beth, Gail, and Bill; while they resided in Dawn, Mrs. Miller
- 13 worked in the cafeteria and at the grain elevator; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Following the untimely passing of Mr. Miller in
- 15 1960, Mrs. Miller returned to West Texas State and completed her
- 16 bachelor's degree; she began teaching fourth grade in Friona, and
- 17 although she subsequently worked briefly in Hereford and Dawn, she
- 18 retained allegiance to her adopted hometown of Friona; and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Miller concluded a career spanning two decades
- 20 in 1983, but she continued to teach Sunday school, and she was
- 21 active in Study Club and Delta Kappa Gamma; in addition, she gave
- 22 piano lessons, and she gardened and painted; she also helped care
- 23 for her 6 grandchildren when they were small, and later, she became
- 24 a favorite companion to her 11 great-grandchildren; today, the

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- 1 younger generations of her family continue to regard her as a
- 2 formidable competitor in any game they might play together; she
- 3 enjoys working crossword puzzles and reads voraciously, and she
- 4 credits her good health and longevity to staying physically and
- 5 mentally active, as well as to drinking plenty of water; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Blessed with the affection of a host of loved ones,
- 7 Lois Miller has gracefully reached the century mark, and she
- 8 continues to enrich the lives of all who are fortunate enough to
- 9 know her; now, therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
- 11 Legislature hereby congratulate Lois Miller on the joyous occasion
- 12 of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for
- 13 continued happiness; and, be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 15 prepared for her as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
- 16 of Representatives.