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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 Minnie Bell Williams of League City
3 celebrated this momentous milestone with family and friends on
4 March 7, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Born to Dora Ashford and Morris Henson in Beasley in
6 1915, she grew up with a sister, Mildred, and three brothers,
7 Johnny, Willie, and Alec; in her youth, she spent much of her time
8 on her grandfather's farm, picking cotton, milking cows, and
9 gathering eggs, and following her chores, she ran the mile to school
10 in order to arrive on time; and

11 WHEREAS, She met the love of her life, Hugo Williams, while
12 employed as a dime-a-dance girl in Houston, and they married on
13 August 6, 1938; the couple became the proud parents of three
14 daughters, Betty, Barbara, and Nancy, and Mrs. Williams had a grand
15 time raising them, while instilling positive values and stressing
16 the importance of education; and

17 WHEREAS, Through the years, "Mom and Pop Williams" continued
18 to delight people with their smooth moves at dance halls across
19 Texas, proving that grace has no age limit; Mrs. Williams now
20 credits her longevity and good health to lots of dancing, loads of
21 fun, spending time with loved ones, staying positive, and enjoying
22 a margarita; and

23 WHEREAS, This vibrant centenarian also likes playing the slot
24 machines at the casino, and she keeps up with technological

1 developments; recently, she participated in her first video chat
2 with a great-granddaughter via an iPhone application, and she is
3 eagerly anticipating the day when robots will clean her house; a
4 treasured matriarch, she takes pride in a fine family that has grown
5 to include 10 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Dancing her way into her second century, Minnie
7 Williams is a source of inspiration to all, and it is truly a
8 pleasure to honor her for 100 years well lived; now, therefore, be
9 it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Minnie Bell Williams on her 100th
12 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
13 happiness; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mrs. Williams as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.