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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dorothy Craver of Jefferson celebrated her 103rd
2 birthday on February 28, 2015, to the delight of her innumerable
3 admirers; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on February 29, 1912, during a leap year, the
5 former Dorothy Tennelle Brown began her education in Jefferson and
6 went on to graduate from high school in Fort Worth; she held a
7 number of interesting jobs, working as a magician's assistant and
8 as the only female staffer at the *Jefferson Jimplecute* newspaper;
9 following her marriage to an air force officer, Kenneth Craver, in
10 1945, she moved to a base in England and worked in the legal
11 department as a staff judge advocate; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Craver was employed by the air force as a
13 civilian during her husband's long military career, and her sense
14 of adventure served her well during their many years overseas; at
15 their last duty station in Panama, she learned Spanish, and she
16 seized the opportunity to travel on the Amazon River and explore the
17 rain forest as well; the couple retired in 1972 and returned to
18 Jefferson, where they restored the home built in 1885 by her
19 maternal grandfather, Captain Charles Gibbs Graham; in addition,
20 Mrs. Craver returned to journalism as a community columnist; and

21 WHEREAS, In the 1990s, Mrs. Craver became president of the
22 Opera House Theatre Players, collaborating with her daughter,
23 Marcia Thomas, the artistic and managing director; their production
24 of the Richard Rodgers musical *I Remember Mama* caught the attention

1 of the composer's daughter, writer and composer Mary Rodgers
2 Guettel, and she became a sponsor of the company; on Mrs. Craver's
3 100th birthday, both Ms. Guettel and noted puppeteer Jim Gamble
4 made generous grants to the theater in her honor; and

5 WHEREAS, Still residing in the home where she, her
6 great-grandmother, her mother, and her daughter were all born, this
7 remarkable centenarian maintains her own Facebook page, and she
8 continues to serve as president of the community theater group;
9 through her involvement, she has greatly benefited the arts scene
10 in Jefferson, and she is a source of tremendous joy and inspiration
11 to all who are fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Dorothy Craver on her 103rd
14 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
15 happiness; and, be it further

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