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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 90th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed a
2 special occasion, and Joy Smith Jones of Marshall is marking that
3 significant milestone in her life on June 3, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, The only daughter of T. P. Smith Jr. and Eliza Jane
5 King Smith, the former Joy Smith was born in Marshall in 1925; she
6 attended public schools in her hometown and graduated from
7 Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Virginia; on April 30,
8 1949, she married Oscar Benjamin Jones Jr. in a ceremony held in
9 Marshall, and they became the proud parents of three children,
10 Eliza, Oscar, and Diane; Mr. and Mrs. Jones shared a fulfilling
11 relationship until his passing in 1989; through the years, her fine
12 family has grown to include four treasured grandchildren, Alicia
13 Joy Bacon Willeford, Benjamin Shane Bacon, Taylor Alaine Jones, and
14 Merrill Elizabeth Jones, as well as two great-grandchildren,
15 Jackson Shane Willeford and Samuel Michael Willeford; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones is gifted at needlework, and she and her
17 daughter Diane owned a needlepoint shop for several years; a
18 lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church, she has
19 participated in mission work in Mexico, and she has given
20 generously of her time and talents to the hospital, the Red Cross,
21 Camp Fire Girls, the civic center, and the Michelson Museum of Art;
22 she is fond of animals and gardening, and she has enjoyed traveling
23 around the world and visiting with relatives in northern Alabama;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Blessed with a devoted family and admiring friends,
2 Joy Smith Jones is a source of joy and inspiration to all who have
3 the great privilege of knowing her and sharing in the richness of
4 her life; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Joy Smith Jones on her 90th
7 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
8 happiness; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mrs. Jones as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.