

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 598

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Thelma Franklin on the grand occasion of her 101st birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary lady, Thelma Franklin is known for her generosity of spirit and is a beloved member of her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Thelma Franklin was born on March 14, 1914, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Amanda and Richard Smith; she was the 13th of 15 children in the family; she has lived through times and experienced events that many people only know through history books; her life has given her a unique perspective on contemporary events, and there is much to be learned from the wisdom she has gained through the years; and

**WHEREAS**, She enjoyed a long and productive career with Mercantile Bank of Dallas, and today, she takes great pleasure in creating lovely quilts and reading her Bible; a devout Christian who practices her faith in her daily life, she is a member of Turning Point Ministry Church in Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Franklin was blessed with seven children, and two are still living; she is noted for her warmth and her wisdom, and she inspires those around her with her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to Thelma Franklin on her 101st birthday; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as a memento of this occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 21, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate