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H.R. No. 111

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly
2 cause for celebration, and Edward Vincent Pisklak of Brazoria is
3 marking this momentous milestone in his life on August 21, 2017, to
4 the delight of his family and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Wallis in 1917, Edward Pisklak grew up as the
6 third of 10 children; he worked hard on the family farms in Wallis
7 and Fairchild but found time to learn the accordion by ear, and he
8 excelled at baseball as well; while stationed in San Antonio, he
9 played on a U.S. Army team, and he later played on several
10 semi-professional teams in South Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Pisklak married the former Annie Hruby in
12 November 1941, and they resided in Velasco and Oyster Creek before
13 settling in Wild Peach in the early 1960s; they were blessed with 4
14 treasured children, 8 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren,
15 and Mr. Pisklak was a devoted father and outstanding role model; he
16 and his wife shared a fulfilling marriage of nearly 70 years before
17 her passing in 2011; and

18 WHEREAS, Early in his career, Mr. Pisklak was employed by
19 Austin Company and helped build the first Dow Chemical plant in
20 Freeport; he joined Dow in 1941 and became a company legend, forming
21 friendships with all his colleagues and developing unparalleled
22 knowledge; it was his responsibility to approve most of the
23 underground pipelines, and he learned the location of all of them,
24 which proved vital following Hurricane Carla when many of the

1 pipeline maps were destroyed by flooding; in addition, he played in
2 the company baseball league; he retired from the utilities
3 distribution department in 1982; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Pisklak has been a devout Catholic throughout
5 his life, and he played the accordion at church picnics, charity
6 benefits, and other events; when his mother moved to a nursing home
7 in Needville, he began entertaining the residents, and well into
8 his 80s, he performed monthly at five area nursing homes; in his
9 leisure time, he enjoys watching baseball on TV, and he is a
10 longtime fan of the Houston Astros; and

11 WHEREAS, Edward Pisklak has earned the admiration and
12 affection of countless people over the last century, and it is truly
13 a pleasure to honor him for joining an elite group of Texans who can
14 look back on 100 years of life well lived; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
16 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Edward
17 Pisklak on his 100th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes
18 for continued happiness; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Pisklak as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.