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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 Ethel Mae Chandler of Houston is  
3 reaching that impressive milestone on August 5, 2017; and

4           WHEREAS, Ethel Mae Chandler was born in Taylor, Louisiana, in  
5 1917, the oldest of the three children of Nora Davis and Jack  
6 Taylor; she is the proud mother of eight children, and she has also  
7 taken great joy in welcoming into her family five grandchildren and  
8 a host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and

9           WHEREAS, Mrs. Chandler worked for many years in the cafeteria  
10 of a Veterans Administration hospital, where she became the first  
11 African American to operate the electric cash register; and

12           WHEREAS, For half a century, Mrs. Chandler has been an active  
13 congregant of Greater Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, and she  
14 has sung in the choir, helped with the cooking for church events,  
15 worked with young people, and participated in missionary efforts;  
16 in addition, she is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the  
17 Court of Calanthsians; and

18           WHEREAS, Ethel Mae Chandler has witnessed a panorama of  
19 change over the course of a century, and she has met life's  
20 challenges and opportunities with dignity and grace, earning the  
21 deep admiration of all who are privileged to know her; now,  
22 therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
24 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Ethel Mae

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1 Chandler on her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes  
2 for continued happiness; and, be it further

3         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Mrs. Chandler as an expression of high regard by the  
5 Texas House of Representatives.