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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 Rita Giblin marked that impressive
3 milestone on March 24, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Rita Louise Sheridan was born in New York City in
5 1917, and at the age of six, she was sent to Houston to live with her
6 aunt and uncle; she graduated from Sam Houston High School in 1934,
7 earning honors for 11 years of perfect attendance in the Houston
8 schools; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1941, she married Murphy Joseph Giblin in
10 Brownsville; the couple lived in Houston, where she worked as a
11 secretary and bookkeeper until she was 78 years old; she is the
12 proud mother of 3 daughters, and in the years since, she has been
13 blessed with 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, A woman of strong religious faith, Mrs. Giblin is
15 the oldest living member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Houston;
16 over the decades, she has rarely missed an opportunity to exercise
17 her right to vote; in 2007, she moved to the Clairmont Retirement
18 Community in Austin, where she continues to delight her friends and
19 neighbors with her beautiful singing voice; and

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

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Rita Giblin on
2 her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for
3 continued happiness; and, be it further

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