

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed  
2 cause for celebration, and Donnie Audrey Kite Cooper of Waco is  
3 marking this momentous milestone in her life on October 25, 2017;  
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5           WHEREAS, Born in Hollis, Oklahoma, in 1917 to Alvin A. Kite  
6 and Cora Edes Kite, Mrs. Cooper is the eldest of a brood that  
7 included her brothers and sisters Edes, Hardy, Kelsey, Garland,  
8 Oneta, Gale, and Dale; she is descended on her mother's side from  
9 Joseph San Pierre, one of the Old Three Hundred who received land  
10 grants in Stephen F. Austin's first Texas colony; and

11           WHEREAS, The former Donnie Kite completed her bachelor's  
12 degree at Oklahoma State University, and on October 4, 1942, she  
13 married Victor Kenneth Cooper; they became the proud parents of  
14 four children, Marilyn, Ken, Randy, and Sarah; a school teacher and  
15 an artist, Mrs. Cooper volunteered extensively in her community and  
16 with local churches; she was a member of the Central Texas  
17 Watercolor Society and enjoyed presenting "chalk talks" to various  
18 church groups; currently, she belongs to First Baptist Church Waco;  
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20           WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper and her husband shared a fulfilling  
21 marriage of 71 years before his passing in 2013; today, she is the  
22 cherished matriarch of a family that has grown to include 13  
23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and

24           WHEREAS, A source of wisdom and inspiration, Donnie Cooper

1 has witnessed a panorama of change during a historic century, and  
2 her 100th birthday offers a welcome opportunity for her loved ones  
3 to acknowledge the special place she holds in their hearts; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Donnie Audrey  
7 Kite Cooper on the occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her  
8 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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

Anderson of McLennan

H.R. No. 284

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 284 was adopted by the House on August 15, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House