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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 Johnie Mae Gillespie Anderson of Dallas
3 is celebrating this momentous milestone in her life on January 29,
4 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in the Silver Hills community of Bryan in 1917,
6 the former Johnie Mae Gillespie is the daughter of John and Gertrude
7 Holston-Gillespie; she attended school in Brazos County before
8 leaving to help support her family; over the years, she worked in
9 the cotton fields and held jobs in a cannery, a winery, a hospital
10 in California, and the Blue Moon Café in Dallas; before her
11 retirement, she was employed in domestic service; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Anderson is the treasured matriarch of a fine
13 family that has grown to include 6 children, 14 grandchildren, 24
14 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great-grandchildren, and a
15 great-great-great-grandchild; when her offspring were young, she
16 was active in the PTA, and she was one of the first mothers to walk
17 the March of Dimes fund-raising campaign; and

18 WHEREAS, For 52 years, Mrs. Anderson was a valued member of
19 Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, and she served the
20 congregation in numerous capacities, among them Sunday school
21 teacher, Baptist Training Union teacher, Junior Mission vice
22 president, food bank volunteer, Junior Choir advisor, and Senior
23 Mission and Mission Chorus member; and

24 WHEREAS, Johnie Mae Anderson has witnessed seismic change

1 over the course of a historic century, and in 2008, she was proud to
2 vote for the nation's first African American president; she is
3 being honored as a venerable native of Brazos County by the Brazos
4 Valley African American Museum, and having met life's challenges
5 with resilience, grace, and determination, she has earned the deep
6 admiration of all who are privileged to know her; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Johnnie Mae Gillespie Anderson on
10 the occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best
11 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mrs. Anderson as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.