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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 Frankie Allen Smith marked this
3 significant milestone in her life on January 31, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1917, Frankie Smith raised her family in the
5 Acres Homes neighborhood, where she continues to reside; a
6 matriarch beloved by many, she is affectionately known as "MoMa
7 Dear"; and

8 WHEREAS, The founder of Frankie's Fashions, Mrs. Smith has
9 enjoyed a many-faceted career that has also encompassed endeavors
10 with such firms as Je La Beaux Talent Agency, Texas Arts and
11 Entertainment, Total Health Care, Down Home Tour, GrapeVine Media
12 and Publishing, Vel-Rays Properties, and the Smith-Whigham
13 Foundation; she takes particular pride in her employment with the
14 family of former state representative Sylvester Turner, now mayor
15 of Houston; and

16 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to her community, Mrs. Smith has
17 been engaged in civic life, education advocacy, and charitable
18 causes; she has served as honorary chair for Living Word
19 Ministries, and she is considered the mother of her church, where
20 she is very active; and

21 WHEREAS, Frankie Smith is blessed with the affection of a
22 host of loved ones, and, sustained by her strong faith, she has
23 gracefully reached the century mark and continues to enrich the
24 lives of all who are fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore,

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Frankie Allen Smith on her 100th
4 birthday; and, be it further

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