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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 105th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly
2 cause for celebration, and Eva Hagle of Midland marked this
3 momentous milestone in her life on January 28, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1912, Eva Hagle grew up on a ranch in
5 Stonewall County with 12 siblings; she was working at her sister's
6 boardinghouse in Artesia, New Mexico, when she met her future
7 husband, John "Whitey" Hagle; after their marriage in July 1938,
8 the couple settled in Crane; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hagle moved to Wilmington, California,
10 to work in the shipyards during World War II; while employed at the
11 California Shipbuilding Corporation on Terminal Island in Los
12 Angeles County, Mrs. Hagle became exceptionally skilled in the use
13 of an acetylene torch, much to the disgruntlement of some of her
14 male colleagues; and

15 WHEREAS, After the war, the Hagles returned to Crane to raise
16 their daughter, Rita; they opened the Airport Drive-In and also
17 owned a sand and gravel business and a truck weigh station until the
18 death of Mr. Hagle in 1962; Mrs. Hagle worked at C. R. Anthony for a
19 time as well; following her retirement in 1977, she relocated to
20 California to be close to her daughter and grandsons, Jeffrey and
21 Dennis; the family settled in Midland in 1981; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hagle continued to live independently until
23 May 2016, and she credits her longevity to the philosophy "Work
24 hard, mind your own business, and keep on dancing"; until recent

1 years, she was a member of the Permian Basin Dance Club, and
2 although bad knees have now obliged her to eliminate the polka and
3 two-step from her routine, she continues to enjoy listening to
4 music; and

5 WHEREAS, An inspiring member of the Greatest Generation, Eva
6 Hagle has witnessed a panorama of change over the course of more
7 than a century, and she has met life's challenges and opportunities
8 with determination and grace, earning the deep admiration of all
9 who are privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Eva Hagle on her 105th birthday and
12 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be
13 it further

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