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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 Ira Beruix Scott of Houston is marking
3 this momentous milestone in his life on March 25, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Willis in 1917, Ira Scott attended public
5 schools in his hometown and went on to attend Huston-Tillotson
6 University, working at a dairy farm to pay for his studies; the
7 farmer was so impressed by his character and aptitude that he helped
8 pay for his education; after graduation, Mr. Scott taught in the
9 segregated school in Conroe, where he met his future wife, Evelyn
10 Rhoda Landix; she resided in New Orleans, so he traveled back and
11 forth to court her for three years before their marriage; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Scott were blessed with two sons, Ira
13 and Carl, and the family eventually moved to Houston; in the early
14 1950s, Mr. Scott became vice principal of E. O. Smith Middle
15 School, and he was appointed principal in 1965; he became involved
16 in the Houston Teachers Credit Union and served as its board
17 president; after his retirement in 1982, he continued to contribute
18 to public education as a member and eventually as president of the
19 Houston Retired Teachers Organization; always diligent, he later
20 began selling burial plots and became the top salesman in the city;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, A man of deep faith, Mr. Scott has long been an
23 active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, and he donated
24 the funds for a beautiful stained-glass window; he is a loyal member

1 of Omega Psi Phi, and in 2012, he received his 75-year pin at the
2 national convention; devoted to his family, he takes great pride in
3 his grandson, Demian Lofsnes-Scott, and he shared a fulfilling
4 marriage with his wife until her passing in 2013; today, he
5 continues to live independently, and he enjoys taking excellent
6 care of the stray cats who have come to rely on him for food,
7 shelter, and veterinarian care; and

8 WHEREAS, Ira Scott has confronted all challenges with
9 courage, strength, and determination, and he has inspired others
10 through his steadfast commitment to education and hard work; in
11 sharing the wisdom and experience gained over the course of a
12 historic century, he has enriched the lives of all who are fortunate
13 enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Ira Beruix Scott on the joyous
16 occasion of his 100th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes
17 for continued happiness; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Scott as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.