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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 Lucy Agnes Kocurek Pierce of West
3 Columbia marked this momentous milestone in her life on January 21,
4 2017, to the delight of her family and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Born to Frank and Johanna Kocurek in El Campo in
6 1917, the former Lucy Kocurek married Dalton F. Pierce on January 8,
7 1935, and they went on to share nearly seven decades together; they
8 became the proud parents of three children, Ann, Janice Lynn, and
9 Deborah Grace; in 1942, they settled in West Columbia, where they
10 built a home with the help of relatives and friends; Mrs. Pierce
11 worked in grocery stores before turning her sewing hobby into a
12 business, and over the years, she made many lovely wedding gowns and
13 prom dresses; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pierce is a founding member of St. John's
15 Catholic Church, and she is still very active in the congregation;
16 she also mentored young women as a Girl Scout leader; and

17 WHEREAS, A woman of many talents and interests, Mrs. Pierce
18 has created beautiful oil paintings, watercolors, and pencil
19 sketches over the years; she also became a life master at bridge in
20 2000 and adds to her master points by playing twice a week; fond of
21 traveling, she has visited 49 of the 50 states, as well as the
22 Vatican and several foreign countries; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pierce played softball in her younger years,
24 and she remains an avid sports fan; she likes attending Roughneck

1 football games, and in 2002, she carried the Olympic torch on its
2 passage through Beaumont; on January 18, 2017, she was an honored
3 guest of the Houston Rockets, and she was presented with the
4 game-winning ball by James Harden; today, she continues to live in
5 her home of more than 70 years and enjoys maintaining her flower
6 beds and landscaping; and

7 WHEREAS, Blessed with the affection of a host of loved ones
8 and sustained by her strong faith, Lucy Pierce has gracefully
9 reached the century mark and continues to enrich the lives of all
10 who are fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Lucy Pierce on the joyous occasion
13 of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for
14 continued happiness; and, be it further

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