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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The 90th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed 2 cause for celebration, and Virginia Mae Priefert-Foster of Mount
- 3 Pleasant marked this milestone in her life on March 4, 2017; and
- WHEREAS, Born to Rex and Blanch Johnson in Ames, Iowa, in
- 5 1927, the former Virginia Johnson received the nickname "Johnni"
- 6 from coworkers at an ice-cream parlor; she met her future husband,
- 7 Marvin Priefert, at that establishment, and they married on August
- 8 17, 1945; the couple settled in Nebraska, near Mr. Priefert's
- 9 relatives, and they became the proud parents of three children,
- 10 Bill, Micki, and Vicki; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Priefert-Foster completed beauty school while
- 12 helping to run the family wheat farm, and after relocating to Texas
- 13 in 1962, she continued to work as a hair stylist; in addition, she
- 14 provided invaluable support for her husband when he launched
- 15 Priefert Manufacturing Company; she served as secretary as the
- 16 business grew to become one of the largest manufacturers of ranch
- 17 and rodeo equipment; and
- WHEREAS, Following the death of Mr. Priefert in 1988, she was
- 19 fortunate enough to find love a second time with Jerry Foster; they
- 20 married in March 2004, and she welcomed into her family his three
- 21 children, Ricky and Ronnie Foster and Tina Perritt; today, Mrs.
- 22 Priefert-Foster takes great pride in their 18 grandchildren and 36
- 23 great-grandchildren; she continues to serve as vice president and
- 24 director of Priefert Manufacturing Company, which is led by her

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- 1 son, Bill, and three of her grandsons, Eddie, Nate, and Travis; and
- WHEREAS, Virginia Priefert-Foster has earned the admiration
- 3 and affection of countless people over the last nine decades, and
- 4 she may reflect with pride on a lifetime of achievements; now,
- 5 therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby congratulate Virginia Mae Priefert-Foster on
- 8 her 90th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for
- 9 continued happiness; and, be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 11 prepared for Mrs. Priefert-Foster as an expression of high regard
- 12 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1518 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House