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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 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

18 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

1 son, Bill, and three of her grandsons, Eddie, Nate, and Travis; and

2 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.