

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 153

**WHEREAS**, The 107th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed cause for celebration, and Janette Gillespie of Whitehouse marked this tremendous milestone in her life on January 30, 2017, in the company of family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Born to the Reverend Eugene Holmes and Jennie Holmes in Dalhart in 1910, the former Janette Holmes attended Lon Morris College in Jacksonville and went on to complete her bachelor's degree in commerce and economics at Texas Christian University; she taught business administration at Lon Morris College and was later employed at a number of Jacksonville companies until her retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, She married Lowell Emmett Gillespie in McKinney on September 14, 1933, and they became the proud parents of a daughter, Janan, and a son, Gary; through the years, Mrs. Gillespie has known the joy of welcoming six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren into her treasured family; she and her husband shared a fulfilling relationship until his death in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, On the occasion of her 107th birthday, Mrs. Gillespie was honored by Texas Christian University as the school's oldest alumnus; she ascribes her longevity to "the good Lord, good family, and good food"; and

**WHEREAS**, Janette Gillespie has witnessed a panorama of change over the course of more than a century, and she has met life's challenges and opportunities with dignity and grace, earning the deep admiration of all who are privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby congratulate Janette Gillespie on her 107th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mrs. Gillespie as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 8, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate