

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 187

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Della Freeman on the grand occasion of her 103rd birthday; and

WHEREAS, Della "Mother Freeman" was born on January 30, 1914, before the onset of World War I and in a time when Pancho Villa was still leading the Mexican Revolution; and

WHEREAS, She moved from Dayton, Texas, to Port Arthur during her teenage years, and she graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1934, when the school served only African American students; she is the last living graduate of her class; and

WHEREAS, After high school, Mother Freeman moved to California and found work at the Los Angeles Probation Department; she met her true love in Los Angeles, and she was married for 42 years until her husband's death in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mother Freeman is a beloved member of her community; she has lived through times and experienced events that many people know only from history books, and there is much to be learned from her wisdom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby recognize Della Freeman as a treasured citizen of Texas and congratulate her on her 103rd birthday; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in her honor.

Creighton

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 13, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate