

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 357

WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed cause for celebration, and Thelma Hope Roach of Henderson marked this momentous milestone in her life on January 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Born in Rusk County in 1917 to Robert and Lena Thompson, the former Hope Thompson is descended from the Thompson-McCoy family; she is the granddaughter of Evan Thompson, who was listed in the 1896 Choctaw Census, and she is of Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Cherokee descent; today, she is revered as the oldest member of the Mount Tabor Indian Community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Roach shared a fulfilling marriage of more than five decades with her husband, Cecil Lee Roach; the couple made their home in Rusk County, outside of Henderson; a devoted mother, she takes great pride in her two sons, Ronald "Butch" Thompson and Claude Timothy Thompson; and

WHEREAS, The resilience and strength of character demonstrated by centenarians are a source of enduring inspiration, and Hope Roach has joined an elite group of Texans who can reflect on 100 years of life well lived; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby congratulate Thelma Hope Roach on her 100th 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. Roach as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate