H.R. No. 1281

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly cause for celebration, and Esthermay Cornwell Johnston of Austin is reaching that impressive milestone on May 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, in 1919, Esthermay Johnston moved to Beaumont with her family during the Great Depression, when she was 12 years old; she attended Stephen F. Austin State University, and her election as "Miss Daisy Mae" led to her first date with Everett Johnston; married in 1942, they became the proud parents of a daughter, Mary Luretta, and they were later blessed with two granddaughters, Virginia and Madeline; the couple shared a rewarding marriage of 54 years before Mr. Johnston's passing; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnston taught in public schools for three decades, and she spent the majority of her career at Margaret B. Henderson Elementary School in the Dallas Independent School District, where she took a whole child approach to address the comprehensive needs and long-term development of her students; and

WHEREAS, A woman of faith, Mrs. Johnston is a lifelong member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); she was the first woman to be named elder emeritus at Rosemont Christian Church in Dallas, and she was also named life elder at University Christian Church in Austin, where she remains active in the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Esthermay Johnston is a source of wisdom and inspiration, and she holds a special place in the hearts of all those who are fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Esthermay Cornwell Johnston on the joyous occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mrs. Johnston as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1281 was adopted by the House on April 26, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House