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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The 102nd birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly cause for celebration, and Mamie Frank Lewis of Barrett Station is marking this momentous occasion in life on May 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Born to Joe and Clara Frank in Elton, Louisiana, in 1917, the former Mamie Frank grew up as the fourth of nine children; when she was in elementary school, her family moved to the Dayton/Barbers Hill area, where her father was employed by a farmer; she and her siblings were put to work as well, performing tasks from picking and chopping cotton to cutting wood and driving tractors; the Franks became close friends with the Lewis family, and her courtship with Louis Lewis led to marriage; and

WHEREAS, The couple were blessed with 13 children, and while devoting herself to her home and family, Mrs. Lewis also earned money through a variety of odd jobs, including ironing clothes and housekeeping; after her children all reached school age, she joined the staff of the Crosby Independent School District, and she was employed in the cafeteria for two decades before her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Widowed in 1976, Mrs. Lewis has also survived nine of her children; today, she is the cherished matriarch of a fine family that has grown to include 25 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, 28 great-great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-great-grandchildren; every day, she attends the Barrett Station seniors program, and she worships at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church weekly; she enjoys spending time with loved ones, traveling, and watching television shows, including *In the Heat of the Night*, *Walker, Texas Ranger*, and *Wheel of Fortune*; in addition, she follows the Houston Rockets, taking special interest in the exploits of her favorite player, James Harden; and

WHEREAS, Mamie Frank Lewis is a source of tremendous inspiration, and in sharing the experience gained through more than a century of life well lived, she bestows a precious gift of wisdom that benefits all who are fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Mamie Frank Lewis on the joyous occasion of her 102nd 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. Lewis as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.