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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly cause for celebration, and William Howard Townsend is marking this momentous occasion in his life on June 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in 1919, Mr. Townsend came of age during World War II and served his country in the U.S. Army; he participated in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, and he was awarded two Bronze Stars, as well as a Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, After returning to civilian life, Mr. Townsend worked for the Arkansas Power and Light Company in his hometown; he went on to serve during the Korean War as a member of the Enlisted Reserve Corps; he was stationed at Fort Hood and rose to the rank of master sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Greatest Generation are among the Lone Star State's most valuable resources, and their wisdom and experience immeasurably enrich the lives of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, William Townsend has witnessed a panorama of change over the course of a historic century, and he has not only bravely served his nation but has also met the challenges and opportunities of a long life with grace and fortitude, and in so doing, he has earned the respect and admiration of all who are fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate William Howard Townsend on the occasion of his 100th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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