RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The 92nd birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed 2 cause for celebration, and Millie Johnson Washington of Houston 3 marked this special occasion in her life on February 18, 2019; and WHEREAS, Born in 1927, she lived in the Mims community in 4 5 Brazoria County before moving to Houston in 1943; she graduated from Jack Yates High School and Johnson Business School and went on 6 to complete her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her 7 master's degree in education at Texas Southern University; on 8 August 25, 1951, she married Dave M. Washington, and the devoted 9 couple became the parents of six children; and 10 11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington taught in the Houston Independent 12 School District for 33 years, serving at John M. Langston, Matthew W. Dogan, and Robert Lee Frost Elementary Schools; she was involved 13 14 in the integration process from an early stage, and in 1965, she joined one of the first groups of educators to train for the Head 15 Start Program at Southern Methodist University; moreover, she 16 worked in the Say Yes to a Youngster's Future initiative, 17 encouraging greater interest in math, science, and technology among 18 girls and children from minority backgrounds; and 19 20 WHEREAS, Following her retirement in 1992, Mrs. Washington 21 continued to volunteer at school for a number of years; she has also benefited her community as a member of numerous professional and 22 23 civic organizations, and she is currently active

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- 1 Memorial Area Senior Group; a member of Jerusalem Missionary
- 2 Baptist Church since 1945, she has served the congregation in
- 3 myriad capacities; and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington is surrounded by the love and
- 5 affection of a large, admiring circle that includes her children,
- 6 Levetta, Sandra, Dave, Jerome Andre, and Ezra Hosea, her
- 7 grandchildren, Darian Nicole and Ezra Hosea Jr., and her "specially
- 8 chosen grandson," Spencer Joseph Rogers, his wife, Jennie, and the
- 9 couple's two children, Joshua and Journee Marie; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Meeting life's challenges with resilience,
- 11 optimism, and determination, Mille Johnson Washington holds a
- 12 special place in the hearts of her family and friends, and she is a
- 13 continuing source of inspiration to all who are fortunate enough to
- 14 know her; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 16 Legislature hereby congratulate Millie Johnson Washington on her
- 17 92nd birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
- 18 happiness; and, be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 20 prepared for Mrs. Washington as an expression of high regard by the
- 21 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 632 was adopted by the House on February 27, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House