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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4           WHEREAS, Born in 1927, she lived in the Mims community in  
5 Brazoria County before moving to Houston in 1943; she graduated  
6 from Jack Yates High School and Johnson Business School and went on  
7 to complete her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her  
8 master's degree in education at Texas Southern University; on  
9 August 25, 1951, she married Dave M. Washington, and the devoted  
10 couple became the parents of six children; and

11           WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington taught in the Houston Independent  
12 School District for 33 years, serving at John M. Langston, Matthew  
13 W. Dogan, and Robert Lee Frost Elementary Schools; she was involved  
14 in the integration process from an early stage, and in 1965, she  
15 joined one of the first groups of educators to train for the Head  
16 Start Program at Southern Methodist University; moreover, she  
17 worked in the Say Yes to a Youngster's Future initiative,  
18 encouraging greater interest in math, science, and technology among  
19 girls and children from minority backgrounds; and

20           WHEREAS, Following her retirement in 1992, Mrs. Washington  
21 continued to volunteer at school for a number of years; she has also  
22 benefited her community as a member of numerous professional and  
23 civic organizations, and she is currently active in the  
24 Houston-Harris County Retired Teachers Association and the Jones

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

4 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

15 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.