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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly
2 cause for celebration, and Joe Bezner of Lindsay marked this
3 momentous milestone in his life on February 11, 2019, to the delight
4 of his family and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on February 11, 1919, Joe Bezner came of age
6 during World War II and served his country in the United States Army
7 for more than five years; he was a member of the 36th Division for
8 much of that time, and he was involved in the Salerno invasion in
9 Italy; trained as a medic, he performed a wide variety of tasks,
10 from writing prescriptions to assisting in lifesaving surgeries;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Bezner was eventually posted to the hospital at
13 the Port of Embarkation in New Orleans, and he was appointed manager
14 of a clinic; he met his future wife, the former Anna Mae Herbert,
15 while living in Louisiana; and

16 WHEREAS, On October 21, 1945, Mr. Bezner completed his
17 military service; he embarked on a career in the insurance industry
18 and operated an agency, retiring once at 65 and again at 82; today,
19 he attends mass as often as possible at St. Peter's Catholic
20 Church, where he served for 15 years as a sacristan; a widower, he
21 is surrounded by the love and affection of his many children, and he
22 continues to take care of his own laundry and cooking, even making
23 pecan chocolate candy for his doctors; he also enjoys the
24 occasional trip to Walmart; and

1 WHEREAS, Blessed with the affection of a host of loved ones
2 and sustained by his strong faith, this admired member of the
3 Greatest Generation has gracefully reached the century mark and
4 continues to enrich the lives of all who are fortunate enough to
5 know him; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Joe Bezner on his 100th birthday
8 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and,
9 be it further

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