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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 102nd birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed
2 cause for celebration, and Ira B. Scott Sr. of Houston is marking
3 this significant occasion in his life on March 25, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Willis, Ira Scott was born in 1917; he
5 attended public schools in his hometown before transferring to Port
6 Arthur Lincoln High School because it offered a full 12 grades of
7 instruction; he completed his bachelor's degree in education at
8 Huston-Tillotson University and taught in a small community near
9 Shreveport, Louisiana; subsequently, he worked for the YMCA in New
10 Orleans; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Scott married the former Evelyn Rhoda Landix,
12 and the couple became the proud parents of three sons, Ira, Carl,
13 and Vernon; they lived in Conroe while Mr. Scott taught at Booker
14 T. Washington School, and he founded the community's first Boy
15 Scout troop for African Americans; after he joined the faculty of
16 Phillis Wheatley High, the family relocated to Houston; Wheatley
17 moved to a new facility the following year, but Mr. Scott remained
18 at the location as it became E. O. Smith Junior High; he rose to
19 become principal of the campus and served there for 35 years until
20 his retirement; for more than a quarter-century, he was a board
21 member of the credit union for Houston teachers; he also served as
22 president of the Houston Retired Teachers Association; and

23 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his community, Mr. Scott
24 established the first Boy Scout troop in the Fifth Ward with the

1 help of fellow educators and parents; he was a trustee of
2 Huston-Tillotson University and served as president of the alumni
3 organization, and he has given generously of his time and talents to
4 the Prince Hall Masons; one of the longest-tenured members of Omega
5 Psi Phi Fraternity, he has been active in the Nu Phi Chapter for
6 over seven decades, and he was chapter basileus and a chaplain of
7 the Ninth District; moreover, he has been a valued member of Trinity
8 United Methodist Church for more than 65 years, and he has served in
9 the choir and men's ministry; and

10 WHEREAS, A distinguished educator and engaged citizen, Ira
11 Scott has earned the deep admiration of innumerable people, and he
12 may reflect with great satisfaction on a long lifetime of
13 achievement; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Ira B. Scott Sr. on the joyous
16 occasion of his 102nd birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes
17 for continued happiness; and, be it further

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