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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A 100th birthday is truly cause for celebration, and  
2 James Howard Frasher Sr. of Georgetown is reaching that impressive  
3 milestone on March 28, 2019; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Gardner, Colorado, in 1919, Jim Frasher  
5 enrolled at Colorado A&M University in 1936 to study engineering,  
6 but he left school shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor to  
7 enlist in the U.S. Army Air Forces; during World War II, he served  
8 as an engineering officer with the 351st Bomb Group in England,  
9 where he helped keep the group's 1,358 aircraft flying during heavy  
10 bombing campaigns over Europe, and in 1945, he volunteered to help  
11 evacuate survivors of the Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp in  
12 Austria; he was honorably discharged at the rank of captain and  
13 earned a Bronze Star for meritorious achievement; and

14           WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Frasher joined the  
15 National Geophysical Company as a surveyor, and while working in  
16 Utah, he met Venna Singleton, whom he married in 1946; he worked in  
17 Calgary, Alberta, before joining the company's home office in  
18 Dallas in 1952 as chief of operations, and he went on to become vice  
19 president for operations; he became executive vice president of  
20 Teledyne Exploration Company in 1967 and president two years later,  
21 and he cofounded the International Association of Geophysical  
22 Contractors; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. Frasher retired in 1986, and he and his wife  
24 settled in Georgetown in 1997; Mrs. Frasher passed away in 2001,

1 after 54 years of marriage, and today Mr. Frasher takes pride in a  
2 devoted family that includes three children, James, Linda, and  
3 Barbara, four grandchildren, Jennifer, James, Tisha Kay, and  
4 Trevor, and five great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Sadie, Penny,  
5 Brigg, and Jaxson; and

6 WHEREAS, Over the course of a century, Jim Frasher has not  
7 only bravely served his nation but has also met the challenges and  
8 opportunities of a long life with grace and fortitude, and on his  
9 special day, he is blessed with the deep respect and lasting  
10 affection of a host of loved ones; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate James Howard Frasher Sr. on the  
13 joyous occasion of his 100th birthday and extend to him sincere best  
14 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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