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H.R. No. 1139

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Doris Juanita Henderson of Llano celebrated her 93rd  
2 birthday on March 12, 2019, to the delight of her family and  
3 friends; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Abilene in 1926, Doris Henderson spent most  
5 of her childhood in San Angelo; as a young woman, she won a beauty  
6 contest, and her photo appeared in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*; it  
7 was spotted by Marie King, who sent it to her son, Joseph "JB" King,  
8 a sailor stationed in the South Pacific; smitten, he wrote a letter,  
9 and after first enlisting her older sister to write him back,  
10 Mrs. Henderson began corresponding; he took her on a date on his  
11 next leave, and by the end of the night, they were engaged; and

12           WHEREAS, The couple wed after Mr. King completed his military  
13 service, and they settled in Llano, where they built a house  
14 together and raised five children; following her husband's passing  
15 in 1983, Mrs. Henderson was fortunate enough to find love a second  
16 time and shared a rewarding marriage with Floyd Henderson until his  
17 death, in 2006; and

18           WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Henderson is the beloved matriarch of a  
19 fine family that has grown to include seven grandchildren; she  
20 continues to reside in the home she helped build, and she is a very  
21 active member of Lutie Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church; a  
22 proud Texan and avid fan of The University of Texas Longhorns, she  
23 also loves to sew and crochet; she demonstrated her courage and  
24 resolve in October 2018, when she suffered a major heart attack

1 during flooding that cut off her neighborhood; a Blackhawk  
2 helicopter from Fort Hood was summoned to rescue her, and because  
3 high winds prevented it from landing, she had to ascend in a wildly  
4 spinning basket; she took the ordeal in stride and returned home  
5 after a week in the hospital; now, her family lovingly calls her  
6 "the Termi-nana," because like actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, she  
7 made it "to the choppa"; and

8         WHEREAS, Meeting life's challenges with grace, resilience,  
9 and optimism, Doris Henderson is a source of inspiration to all who  
10 are privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

11         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Doris Juanita Henderson on her 93rd  
13 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
14 happiness; and, be it further

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