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H.R. No. 1174

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 90th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed  
2 cause for celebration, and Jewell McDade McGowen of Houston is  
3 marking this significant milestone in her life on April 29, 2019, in  
4 the company of family and friends; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Hempstead in 1929, the former Jewell McDade  
6 is the daughter of Willie Mose and Leola McDade, and she grew up  
7 with two siblings, Joe and Wilma; as a student at Prairie View A&M  
8 University, she met the love of her life, Ernest B. McGowen; they  
9 married and became the parents of four children, Ernest, Jewell  
10 Janis, Cynthia Elaine, and Larry Keith; with the passing years, she  
11 has been blessed with 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Mrs. McGowen holds a bachelor's degree in business  
14 education from Texas Southern University and a master's degree in  
15 counseling and guidance from Prairie View A&M University; for more  
16 than four decades, she was a teacher and guidance counselor for the  
17 Houston Independent School District, serving at W. E. Miller Jr.  
18 High School, Francis Scott Key Middle School, and the High School  
19 for Health Professions; she received several HISD Master Teacher  
20 and Counselor of the Year Awards, as well as the district's Harriet  
21 Tubman Award; and

22           WHEREAS, Committed to helping young people achieve their full  
23 potential, Mrs. McGowen joined with her husband to found a fine  
24 arts development program, the Northeast Cultural Arts Council; she

1 has been very active in civic life, serving as state treasurer of  
2 the Texas Democratic Party, as a Harris County precinct chair, and  
3 as the inaugural president of the Houston Black American Democrats;  
4 in addition, she was appointed by the Texas Supreme Court to the  
5 Board of Law Examiners, and she has served on the advisory boards of  
6 such organizations as Julia C. Hester House, True Blue Community  
7 Endowment, Alley Theatre, and the Greater Houston Women's  
8 Foundation; she is a life member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and the  
9 Houston YWCA, a charter member of the Houston Metropolitan Chapter  
10 of the National Congress of Black Women, and a congregant of Wesley  
11 United Methodist Church, where she serves as worship chair; her  
12 many civic accolades include the Variety Club's Cinderella Award;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Admired by all for her contributions to education  
15 and to the wider community, Jewell McGowen is a source of enduring  
16 inspiration, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring her on this  
17 joyous occasion; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Jewell McDade McGowen on her 90th  
20 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
21 happiness; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Mrs. McGowen as an expression of high regard by the  
24 Texas House of Representatives.