

By: Howard

H.R. No. 1244

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 Mavis Elizabeth Eskew Pape of Austin is
3 marking this momentous occasion in her life on April 17, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Donie in 1919, the former Mavis Eskew is the
5 daughter of J. R. Eskew and Nina Linson Eskew, and she grew up with
6 six siblings; she graduated from Normangee High School, where she
7 played on the tennis team, before going on to attend The University
8 of Texas at Austin; on Christmas Eve, 1940, she married Melvin E.
9 Pape, and they became the proud parents of two sons, Mark and
10 Michael; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pape enlisted in the U.S. Women's Air Corps
12 during World War II, and she served as a recruiting officer in
13 Bloomington, Indiana; in 1949, she completed her MBA at Indiana
14 University; she taught high school and adult education classes in
15 Dade County, Florida, for many years, and she was so beloved by her
16 students that some stayed in touch for decades and even visited her
17 in Texas following her return to her home state in 1988; and

18 WHEREAS, Devoted to her family and her community, Mrs. Pape
19 supported her husband in his work as the first professional
20 director of the Austin Civic Theatre; she later became a staunch
21 champion of its successor organization, Zachary Scott Theatre; a
22 loyal fan of television's *Ellen* and *Wheel of Fortune*, she enjoys
23 watching both programs every day; and

24 WHEREAS, Mavis Pape is a source of tremendous inspiration,

1 and in sharing the experience gained through a century of life well
2 lived, she bestows a precious gift of wisdom that benefits all who
3 are fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Mavis Elizabeth Eskew Pape on the
6 joyous occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best
7 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mrs. Pape as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.