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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 Esthermay Cornwell Johnston of Austin is
3 reaching that impressive milestone on May 13, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, in 1919, Esthermay
5 Johnston moved to Beaumont with her family during the Great
6 Depression, when she was 12 years old; she attended Stephen F.
7 Austin State University, and her election as "Miss Daisy Mae" led to
8 her first date with Everett Johnston; married in 1942, they became
9 the proud parents of a daughter, Mary Luretta, and they were later
10 blessed with two granddaughters, Virginia and Madeline; the couple
11 shared a rewarding marriage of 54 years before Mr. Johnston's
12 passing; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnston taught in public schools for three
14 decades, and she spent the majority of her career at Margaret B.
15 Henderson Elementary School in the Dallas Independent School
16 District, where she took a whole child approach to address the
17 comprehensive needs and long-term development of her students; and

18 WHEREAS, A woman of faith, Mrs. Johnston is a lifelong member
19 of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); she was the first
20 woman to be named elder emeritus at Rosemont Christian Church in
21 Dallas, and she was also named life elder at University Christian
22 Church in Austin, where she remains active in the congregation; and

23 WHEREAS, Esthermay Johnston is a source of wisdom and
24 inspiration, and she holds a special place in the hearts of all

1 those who are fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Esthermay Cornwell Johnston on the
4 joyous occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best
5 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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