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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The 102nd birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly 2 cause for celebration, and Mamie Frank Lewis of Barrett Station is 3 marking this momentous occasion in life on May 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Born to Joe and Clara Frank in Elton, Louisiana, in 4 5 1917, the former Mamie Frank grew up as the fourth of nine children; when she was in elementary school, her family moved to the 6 7 Dayton/Barbers Hill area, where her father was employed by a farmer; she and her siblings were put to work as well, performing 8 9 tasks from picking and chopping cotton to cutting wood and driving tractors; the Franks became close friends with the Lewis family, 10 11 and her courtship with Louis Lewis led to marriage; and

WHEREAS, The couple were blessed with 13 children, and while devoting herself to her home and family, Mrs. Lewis also earned money through a variety of odd jobs, including ironing clothes and housekeeping; after her children all reached school age, she joined the staff of the Crosby Independent School District, and she was employed in the cafeteria for two decades before her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Widowed in 1976, Mrs. Lewis has also survived nine 19 of her children; today, she is the cherished matriarch of a fine 20 21 family that has grown to include 25 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, 28 great-great-grandchildren, 22 and 2 23 great-great-great-grandchildren; every day, she attends the Barrett Station seniors program, and she worships at Shiloh 24

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Missionary Baptist Church weekly; she enjoys spending time with 1 loved ones, traveling, and watching television shows, including In 2 3 the Heat of the Night, Walker, Texas Ranger, and Wheel of Fortune; in addition, she follows the Houston Rockets, taking special 4 5 interest in the exploits of her favorite player, James Harden; and 6 WHEREAS, Mamie Frank Lewis is a source of tremendous 7 inspiration, and in sharing the experience gained through more than 8 a century of life well lived, she bestows a precious gift of wisdom

9 that benefits all who are fortunate enough to know her; now, 10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas 12 Legislature hereby congratulate Mamie Frank Lewis on the joyous 13 occasion of her 102nd birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes 14 for continued happiness; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1291 was adopted by the House on May 1, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House