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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

1 Missionary Baptist Church weekly; she enjoys spending time with
2 loved ones, traveling, and watching television shows, including *In*
3 *the Heat of the Night*, *Walker*, *Texas Ranger*, and *Wheel of Fortune*;
4 in addition, she follows the Houston Rockets, taking special
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

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