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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 William Howard Townsend is marking this  
3 momentous occasion in his life on June 10, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in 1919, Mr. Townsend  
5 came of age during World War II and served his country in the  
6 U.S. Army; he participated in the Rhineland and Central Europe  
7 campaigns, and he was awarded two Bronze Stars, as well as a Good  
8 Conduct Medal; and

9 WHEREAS, After returning to civilian life, Mr. Townsend  
10 worked for the Arkansas Power and Light Company in his hometown; he  
11 went on to serve during the Korean War as a member of the Enlisted  
12 Reserve Corps; he was stationed at Fort Hood and rose to the rank of  
13 master sergeant; and

14 WHEREAS, Members of the Greatest Generation are among the  
15 Lone Star State's most valuable resources, and their wisdom and  
16 experience immeasurably enrich the lives of their fellow citizens;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, William Townsend has witnessed a panorama of change  
19 over the course of a historic century, and he has not only bravely  
20 served his nation but has also met the challenges and opportunities  
21 of a long life with grace and fortitude, and in so doing, he has  
22 earned the respect and admiration of all who are fortunate enough to  
23 know him; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate William Howard Townsend on the  
2 occasion of his 100th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes  
3 for continued happiness; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Mr. Townsend as an expression of high regard by the  
6 Texas House of Representatives.