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H.R. No. 2112

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An inspiring centenarian, Mary Matilda Factory is  
2 being honored at the 2019 Women's Leadership Summit, which is being  
3 held in Dallas from June 14 to 15; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1964, Mrs. Factory became the first African  
5 American employed by North American Rockwell, one of the nation's  
6 leading aerospace contractors, based in McAlester, Oklahoma; she  
7 served the space program as an electric assembler, and she received  
8 the Apollo Achievement Award as a member of the Apollo 11 mission  
9 team, whose efforts culminated in the first moon landing; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Factory was born Mary Matilda Johnson in  
11 Blocker, Oklahoma, on January 17, 1919; the daughter of Melvina and  
12 Jess Johnson, she was raised by her Aunt Rebecca and Henry Owens;  
13 after graduating from Vernon High School, she married John Lewis  
14 Factory in 1941, and they became the parents of seven children; and

15 WHEREAS, Recognized as the mother of Mount Triumph Baptist  
16 Church, Mrs. Factory has been a member of the congregation for more  
17 than 75 years; she is blessed with the companionship of her four  
18 surviving children, Robert, Cynthia, Karen, and Patricia, and she  
19 loves mentoring younger family members and sharing stories of her  
20 life's adventures; in addition, she stays busy tending to financial  
21 matters and enjoys travel, cooking, reading, and following current  
22 events; and

23 WHEREAS, Mary Factory has witnessed a panorama of change over  
24 the course of a century, making her own contribution to history

1 along the way, and her wisdom and experience are a source of  
2 inspiration to all who are fortunate enough to know her; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Mary Matilda Factory on her  
6 recognition at the 2019 Women's Leadership Summit in Dallas and  
7 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be  
8 it further

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