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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly cause for celebration, and Ofelia Mata Lugo Garcia is marking this momentous milestone in her life on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Secundino Mata and Toribia Lugo, the former Ofelia Mata Lugo was born in San Pedro, Tamaulipas, Mexico, in 1921; both her parents died while she was quite young, and her aunt Loretta Lugo helped to raise her and her siblings Jose, Guadalupe "Lupita," Virginia, Pilar, and Humberto; her family also included two more brothers, Alfonso and Julian; she married Leonel Garcia Sanchez on October 7, 1950, and they became the parents of five children, Ruben, Salvador, Bertha, Leonel, and Dora Elia; and

WHEREAS, Early in her marriage, Mrs. Garcia lived next to her in-laws in Rancho La Palangana, Tamaulipas, and she adored her husband's young siblings as though they were her own; while he worked across the border in Mercedes, she cared for her ailing aunt until her passing in 1963; Mrs. Garcia and her children then joined Mr. Garcia in Mercedes, and she became a proud U.S. citizen in 1967; they traveled with their extended family to Ohio and Michigan for seasonal agricultural work, and Mrs. Garcia treasures her memories of this era because while picking and packaging vegetables and fruit, she delighted in the company of so many loved ones; at home, she enjoyed gardening, cooking, dancing, and listening to music while doing her chores; and

WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Garcia is the treasured matriarch of a fine family that has grown to include 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren; she continues to cheer on the Mercedes Tigers and Dallas Cowboys, and her wonderful sense of humor brightens the days of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Ofelia Garcia has met the challenges and opportunities of a long life with grace and optimism, and she is a source of wisdom, joy, and inspiration to all who are fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Ofelia Garcia on her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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