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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 Frances Ellen Wyche of Zavalla marked this momentous milestone in her life on January 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Born to Herman and Ila Walton in Detroit in 1921, the former Fran Walton grew up in the Beaumont area with two brothers, Jack and Tommy, and a sister, Mary Ann; she studied ballet and tap dancing, and in 1939, she won a national baton-twirling championship; while attending Baylor University during World War II, she also performed around the state with her brothers at events supporting the war effort; and

WHEREAS, She married her high school sweetheart, Robert Hiram Wyche Jr., and his career in the U.S. Army Air Corps took her to Okinawa, Japan, and China; over the years, she also lived in Houston, where she was employed as a receptionist at NASA, and in Colorado, where she managed her brother's restaurant; as her mother grew older, she returned to Texas, and for a decade she worked alongside her sister in public relations and memberships at the Better Business Bureau; she settled in Tyler County in 1974, and after joining the round dance club at the Opera House in Woodville, operated by her sister, she helped out as a hostess for many functions; and

WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Colmesneil, Mrs. Wyche moved to Zavalla in 2020 to stay with her son, Robin; she likes seeing the horses and other animals on his farm, and she enjoys taking daily half-mile walks, conversing with neighbors, gardening, reading, and watching television; in addition, she delights in visits from grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Meeting life's challenges with resilience, optimism, and grace, Fran Wyche holds a special place in the hearts of her family and friends, and she is a continuing source of 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 hereby congratulate Frances Ellen Wyche 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. Wyche as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.