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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Colmesneil, Mrs. Wyche moved
23 to Zavalla in 2020 to stay with her son, Robin; she likes seeing the
24 horses and other animals on his farm, and she enjoys taking daily

1 half-mile walks, conversing with neighbors, gardening, reading,
2 and watching television; in addition, she delights in visits from
3 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

4 WHEREAS, Meeting life's challenges with resilience,
5 optimism, and grace, Fran Wyche holds a special place in the hearts
6 of her family and friends, and she is a continuing source of
7 inspiration to all who are fortunate enough to know her; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Frances Ellen Wyche on her 100th
11 birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
12 happiness; and, be it further

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