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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 World War II veteran Burnie Sutter of
3 Frisco is reaching that impressive milestone on April 7, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Born near Muscatine, Iowa, in 1921, to Louis and
5 Oszetta Sutter, Burnett Sutter grew up on his family's farm with a
6 brother, Keith, and when he was 11, he quit school to help run the
7 farm after his father passed away; in March 1943, he married Rozetta
8 Royster, and three days later, he was inducted into the U.S. Army;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In June 1944, Mr. Sutter came ashore at Utah beach
11 during the invasion of Normandy as a member of the 90th Infantry
12 Division, known as the "Tough Ombres"; as the division fought its
13 way across Europe as part of General George Patton's Third Army, he
14 took part in many fierce combat engagements as a machine gunner in
15 the 358th M Company, including the battles at Seves Island, the
16 Moselle River crossing, and the Falaise Pocket, where his machine
17 gun was stationed in the middle of the road as German Panzer tanks
18 were trying to escape back into Germany; and

19 WHEREAS, In April 1945, Mr. Sutter was one of the first 50
20 American soldiers to enter Czechoslovakia in the middle of the
21 night, a maneuver that effectively cut the Nazi empire in two, and
22 on April 23, 1945, he took part in the liberation of the infamous
23 Flossenbug concentration camp; he was discharged on October 30,
24 1945; and

1 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Sutter settled in Moline,
2 Illinois, with his wife and their infant daughter, Sandra, and he
3 joined his brother-in-law in the family tire sales and recap
4 business; in retirement, he and his wife enjoyed traveling
5 together, and he also played a leading role in the building of a new
6 church in his community; he remains proud of his valiant service in
7 World War II, and for many years he never missed a reunion of the
8 90th Infantry Division; and

9 WHEREAS, Today, Mr. Sutter lives in Frisco, where he is
10 surrounded by his family, including his daughter, Sandra, and her
11 husband, Bill, as well as his three grandchildren and eight
12 great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the course of a century, Burnie Sutter has not
14 only bravely served his nation but has met the challenges and
15 opportunities of a long life with grace and fortitude, and on his
16 special day, he is blessed with the deep respect and lasting
17 affection of a host of loved ones; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Burnie Sutter on the joyous
20 occasion of his 100th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes
21 for continued happiness; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Mr. Sutter as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.