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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A 100th birthday is truly cause for celebration, and  
2 Joseph Frazier Radcliffe of Waco is reaching that impressive  
3 milestone on April 9, 2021; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in 1921 in Petersburg, Virginia, Joseph  
5 Radcliffe attended school through the fifth grade and went to work  
6 at the age of 14, making 63 cents a week at the Atkinson and Long  
7 lock factory; answering his nation's call to duty, he joined the  
8 Virginia National Guard in 1939, serving as a company aid man in  
9 Company G, 29th Division, 144th Medical Corps; he was mobilized  
10 during World War II and served with the U.S. Army in Virginia,  
11 Washington, D.C., Texas, and New York; and

12           WHEREAS, Following the war, Mr. Radcliffe was employed with  
13 the Veterans Administration in Oklahoma City, McKinney, Texas, and  
14 Marlin, Texas, where he became head of maintenance and the supply  
15 warehouse, and he rose through the ranks to become chief of supply,  
16 purchasing, and contracts; he also acted as the Marlin VA's chief  
17 union representative; in addition, he served a total of 18 years in  
18 the Virginia and Texas national guards, retiring as a master  
19 sergeant; and

20           WHEREAS, After concluding his service with the Veterans  
21 Administration in 1987, Mr. Radcliffe worked for Drews Lumber  
22 Company in Marlin, repairing and remodeling homes, and he also  
23 started his own termite control business; married twice, he raised  
24 three boys and two girls, and he was active with First Baptist

1 Church as deacon, head of maintenance, scoutmaster, and Sunday  
2 school teacher; he moved to Lott at the age of 78 and retired to  
3 country life 10 years later, and since 2015, he has lived in Waco;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, A proud resident of Texas for 77 years, Joseph  
6 Radcliffe has witnessed a panorama of change over the course of a  
7 century, and he has met life's challenges with dignity and grace,  
8 earning the deep admiration of all who are privileged to know him;  
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Joseph Frazier Radcliffe on his  
12 100th birthday and recognize him as an honorary Texan, with all the  
13 rights and privileges accorded those individuals native to the Lone  
14 Star State; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Mr. Radcliffe as an expression of high regard by the  
17 Texas House of Representatives.