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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed member of the
2 Greatest Generation is truly cause for celebration, and Albino
3 Bazan Jr. of La Casita marked this momentous milestone in his life
4 on April 14, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Albino Bazan Sr. and Apolonia Montalvo
6 Bazan, Albino Bazan was born in La Casita in 1925; he grew up with
7 eight siblings and learned the value of perseverance, hard work,
8 and devotion to family early on; coming of age during World War II,
9 he was drafted into the U.S. Navy as a senior at Rio Grande City High
10 School; he trained as an aviation machinist and was assigned to the
11 USS *Kenneth Whiting*; the lead ship in the class of seaplane tenders,
12 it played a crucial role during battles in the Pacific Theater;
13 Mr. Bazan served with valor for more than two years before his
14 discharge on December 3, 1945; and

15 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan married the former Santos Vela
16 on June 8, 1946, and they raised five children; determined to
17 further his education, he completed his studies and received his
18 high school diploma; he supported his family in a number of
19 occupations, initially herding cattle alongside his father as a
20 ranch hand in Starr County and harvesting cotton in Robstown and
21 sugar beets in Friona; eventually, he was hired by the
22 U.S. Department of Agriculture and contributed to the eradication
23 of the screwworm; he went on to join the Rio Grande City Independent
24 School District Maintenance Department, where he was employed until

1 his retirement; through the years, his treasured family has grown
2 to include 14 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and a
3 great-great-grandchild; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the course of a century, Albino Bazan has not
5 only bravely served his nation but has also met the challenges and
6 opportunities of a long life with optimism and resilience, earning
7 the deep respect and appreciation of all who are fortunate enough to
8 know him; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
10 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Albino
11 Bazan Jr. on the joyous occasion of his 100th birthday and extend to
12 him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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