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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Merle Truesdell of San Angelo celebrated her 100th
2 birthday on January 2, 2025, to the great delight of her family and
3 friends; and

4 WHEREAS, The former Merle Murphy was born in Breckenridge in
5 1925; she lived in Iraan in Pecos County as a teenager, and her
6 first job was working in the school cafeteria during her senior year
7 of high school; and

8 WHEREAS, On June 30, 1943, this beloved woman exchanged
9 wedding vows with Tom Truesdell in Sheffield; he was drafted the
10 following year, entered the U.S. Navy, and was stationed in
11 San Diego and Oakland during World War II; Mrs. Truesdell traveled
12 by train from West Texas to visit her husband in California, and
13 later in the war, she lived with her mother in Tulsa, Oklahoma;
14 there, she took tremendous pride in her contributions as a "Rosie
15 the Riveter" through her dedicated work at a bomber plant; and

16 WHEREAS, Merle and Tom Truesdell raised four children, Lois
17 Nell, Thomas Lee, Mary Beth, and Lisa, and the couple shared 43
18 happy years together before his passing in 1986; today,
19 Mrs. Truesdell is the matriarch of a fine family that has grown to
20 include 6 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 2
21 great-great-grandchildren; over the years, she has instilled in her
22 children and grandchildren the enduring values of faith and
23 kindness as well as a sure sense of right and wrong; her favorite
24 hobbies have included sewing clothes and quilts, and today she

1 enjoys time spent with friends and neighbors, taking in the beauty
2 of sunsets and sunrises; and

3 WHEREAS, A source of wisdom and inspiration, Merle Truesdell
4 has witnessed a panorama of change during a historic century, and
5 her 100th birthday offers a welcome opportunity for her loved ones
6 to acknowledge the special place she holds in their hearts; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Merle Truesdell on the joyous
10 occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes
11 for continued happiness; and, be it further

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