

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 369

WHEREAS, The 100th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly cause for celebration, and Adelle Marie Bentley Holland of Lubbock is marking this momentous milestone in her life on August 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, An Amarillo native, the former Adelle Bentley was born to Myrtle Ellen Vore Bentley and Lloyd Vain Bentley in 1925; she grew up with an older sister, Regina, and her mother instilled in her daughters a love of reading by taking them to the library every other weekend; in the summers, she pitched in on her uncle's farm and enjoyed fishing at the family cabin in the mountains of New Mexico; she got engaged to her high school sweetheart, Leon Frank Holland, and when he was deployed to the Pacific Theater during World War II, she joined her sister on the West Coast to wait for him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Holland married in San Francisco in 1945 and then settled in Lubbock, where they completed their degrees at Texas Tech University; Mrs. Holland was employed in the university's library and assisted in the establishment of its Southwest Collection, and the experience sparked her passion for library science; while raising three children, David, Ginger, and Melissa, Mrs. Holland devoted herself to her family and supported her husband in his career; in 1974, they moved to the Dallas area, and Mrs. Holland joined the staff of the Plano Independent School District; as the area grew rapidly, she helped open libraries at five new campuses; following the tragic loss of their youngest daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Holland moved to the Holly Lake Ranch community in East Texas; she founded the Holly Tree Library as a resource for local schools and as a gathering place for the community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holland remained active in Holly Lake Ranch after the passing of her husband in 1999; she served as the beloved

local librarian until the death of her son in 2014 prompted her return to Lubbock; building on her long record of service, she then transformed the reading room at Raider Ranch into a full-functioning library, and she still works there today; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of a century, Adelle Holland has enriched the lives of innumerable people, and her wisdom, resilience, and dedication are a source of inspiration to all who are fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby congratulate Adelle Marie Bentley Holland on the joyous occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mrs. Holland as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate