

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The 100th birthday celebration of an esteemed Texas  
2 citizen is an event most worthy of special recognition, and on July  
3 19, 2005, Roberta Farris of Wichita Falls is marking this momentous  
4 milestone in her life; and

5           WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the Lone Star State,  
6 Mrs. Farris was born in Lewisville in 1905, and attended Prairie  
7 View Normal Academy as a girl; she went on to earn a teaching  
8 certificate from Prairie View College and graduated from the  
9 institution in 1937; and

10           WHEREAS, On June 4, 1927, she exchanged vows with James  
11 Randolph Farris, with whom she enjoyed more than 30 years of  
12 marriage before his passing; Mrs. Farris has been blessed with two  
13 children, Charlye Ola Farris and James Randolph Farris, Jr., and  
14 she now numbers within her family circle two grandchildren, Troy  
15 Kevin Farris and James Randolph Farris III; and

16           WHEREAS, An educator for nearly half a century, Mrs. Farris  
17 imparted her love of learning to countless Texas children; she was  
18 hired as the first African American teacher in Electra and later  
19 served as a third grade teacher at Booker T. Washington School in  
20 Wichita Falls; in 1969, following school integration, she  
21 transferred to Lamar Elementary, where she taught until her  
22 retirement in 1973; and

23           WHEREAS, Mrs. Farris has been an active and steadfast  
24 congregant of the Wichita Falls Gilbert Memorial Christian

1 Methodist Episcopal Church; a lifetime member, she has served the  
2 institution as a piano player and Sunday school teacher; and

3 WHEREAS, Roberta Farris has brought great joy and happiness  
4 into the lives of many; a cherished member of her family and  
5 community, she has earned a special place in the hearts of all who  
6 are privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
8 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Roberta Farris on the  
9 occasion of her 100th birthday and extend to her sincere best wishes  
10 for much continued happiness; and, be it further

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

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David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Coakley

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 21 was adopted by the House on July 7, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Honey  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 21 was adopted by the Senate on July 7, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

Betsy Saw  
Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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