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4 HJR___ CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF MARY FRANCES HOLLAND.
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6 WHEREAS, with special pleasure, we offer joyful
7 felicitations to Mary Frances Holland, who is celebrating
8 her milestone 100th birthday; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Holland was born Mary Frances Talton on
10 December 27, 1925, in Montgomery, Alabama, and currently
11 resides in Prattville; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Holland, who lived through the Great
13 Depression and World War II, has led an inspirational life;
14 her father died when she was very young, and her mother
15 struggled financially to care for Mary Frances and her five
16 siblings; and

17 WHEREAS, her family made the difficult decision to
18 place her in the Methodist Children's Home in Selma, now
19 known as Embrace Alabama Kids; she credits the support she
20 received there, which she recalls as a stable and happy
21 environment, with providing valuable training and
22 encouragement that helped shape her adult life and career;
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24 WHEREAS, drawing on the foundation she gained, she
25 took college-level accounting courses and worked for Blount
26 Brothers Construction before becoming an auditor for the
27 Alabama State Auditor's Office, where she served faithfully
28 until her retirement; and



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29 WHEREAS, Mary Frances Holland is the epitome of
30 perseverance; as a single mother who worked full time, her
31 life exemplifies resilience, dedication, and a positive
32 outlook in the face of hardship; and

33 WHEREAS, on December 27, 2025, her many relatives,
34 including children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
35 nieces, nephews, and cousins, gathered to celebrate her
36 Centennial Birthday; and

37 WHEREAS, a 100th birthday is a significant milestone,
38 representing ten decades of wisdom earned and memories
39 gained, and is a cause for great rejoicing; it is a
40 tremendous privilege to recognize a remarkable woman such as
41 Mary Frances Holland on her special day; now therefore,

42 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
43 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mary Frances Holland is
44 hereby highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
45 offered to her in highest tribute, along with sincere best
46 wishes for continued health, happiness, and blessings.