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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATOR KOSTELKA AND REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Irene Riley Anderson upon the celebration of her one hundredth birthday.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend and congratulate Irene Riley Anderson on the celebration of her one hundredth
3	birthday and to honor her lifetime of outstanding accomplishments.
4	WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper to honor Irene Riley Anderson on this
5	very special celebration of her one hundredth birthday; and
6	WHEREAS, Irene Riley was born on March 18, 1912, in Morton County, Kansas,
7	in the southwestern corner of the state to parents, George Parker and Ethel Agnes Riley; and
8	WHEREAS, the Rileys were real pioneers, who along with other family members
9	staked out parcels of rolling grassland to homestead, to farm, and to rear a family; and
10	WHEREAS, born on the day after St. Patrick's Day in a sod hut, Irene Riley
11	Anderson is descended from hardy Irish stock, whose land was located on the Santa Fe Trail
12	near the Cimarron River; she recalls playing in wagon ruts left five decades before by
13	adventurers migrating farther west; and
14	WHEREAS, Irene married Allen Anderson during the Great Depression of the 1930s
15	just as the "Dust Bowl" drought began to overtake the Kansas prairies; in the "Dirty Thirties"
16	times were difficult and opportunities to make a living faded; and
17	WHEREAS, Irene and her family then moved to Ruston, Louisiana, and opened the
18	first of their business ventures, the City Bakery on Vienna Street, next to the Dixie Theater,

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- and the second business was the College Café located near the campus of Louisiana Tech;
 and
- WHEREAS, Irene Riley Anderson put down new roots and prospered with a growing
 family of four children; Shirley, Dolores, Eugene, and the late Kenneth Anderson, and her
 family is still growing with seven grandchildren and many, many great-grandchildren; and
 WHEREAS, having worked all of her life, Irene Riley Anderson is a self-made
 woman, strong of spirit, hard working, and self-reliant, she learned the value of an education
 and instilled that appreciation in her children who all attended college; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she was born before the advent of rural electrical utilities, radio, 10 television, and space travel, and in her mature years has witnessed man's walk on the moon, 11 digital technology, miracles of science and medicine, and many other marvels that were 12 unheard of only a few short decades ago; and
- WHEREAS, with good health, a keen memory, and great attention to detail, Irene
 shares her one hundred years of life experiences with her family and friends, all who gaze
 in wonder at the events she has seen and participated in, firsthand; and
- WHEREAS, Irene Riley Anderson merits a special measure of commendation and
 recognition for the tremendous pride, kindness, and sense of purpose that she brings to her
 family, friends, community, and state.
- 19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 20 commend Irene Riley Anderson on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday, March 18, 21 2012, and does hereby recognize the extraordinary life she has lived thus far, and for the 22 contributions she has made to her family and community, and to wish for her a full measure 23 of happiness in the years to come.
- 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to 25 Irene Riley Anderson.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan Montague.

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