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JENNIFER LINDENZWEIG
County Clerk, Hunt County, TX
By *J. Lindenzweig*

Proclamation Celebrating the 100th Birthday of
Margery Mae Merrick Pickens

WHEREAS, Margery Mae Merrick Pickens will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, she was born in Greenville, Hunt County Texas on March 31st, 1921 in the home of her Grandmother and Grandfather Mr. & Mrs. J.O. Hayter at 2216 Jones Street and has been a resident of this community ever since; and

WHEREAS, as a child, she along with her brother and sister became a member of Central Christian Church at Washington and Wesley Streets and attended Greenville public schools. As a teenager Mae Merrick played tennis on one of only three tennis courts in the city of Greenville at the time, as all 3 of which were privately owned, in as much as Greenville schools had none. Mae learned to play competitive tennis on the court her father owned at the corner of Jones and Bois'd Arc Streets. Mae ultimately represented Greenville High School in Tennis at the State Quarter Finals in Tyler Texas; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her studies and tennis, she was a member of the Greenville Drum & Bugle Corps which was the forerunner to the Greenville Flaming Flashes; and

WHEREAS, in 1939 she graduated high school with honors and attended East Texas State Teachers College (ETSTC) the forerunner to Texas A&M Commerce Texas, where she was a member of Tooanoowe Club the forerunner to Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and where she obtained a Teacher's Certificate.

WHEREAS, upon college completion she became the wife of Murray Douglas Pickens, also of Greenville, Texas, on November 9th, 1941 in Greenville Texas, one month before the Japanese attack on American Forces at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, whereupon her early peaceful marriage was (like countless others) interrupted for the greatest war effort any generation ever undertook; and

WHEREAS, after the war, this marriage was blessed with 2 children, 3 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a wife and mother, she has remained devout in her Christian faith and active in her beloved Kavanaugh United Methodist Church of over 75 years; and

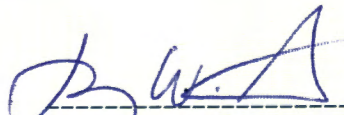
WHEREAS, in addition to her church and other civic responsibilities, she is or has been an active member of The Daughters of the American Revolution, Junior Palace, Greenville Highschool Parent Teachers Association, the Greenville Housewives Bowling League, and participated in weekly aerobics classes well into her 80's; and

WHEREAS, during a long and productive lifetime, she has demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of friends, neighbors, church family and people from all walks of life and all ages; and

WHEREAS, she has lived through the most eventful century of this world's history; and in her quiet way has been a force for good and a stabilizing and positive influence on those around her during these turbulent years.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Hunt County, Texas, do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend this certificate to Margery Mae Merrick Pickens on the occasion of her 100th Birthday with sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years.

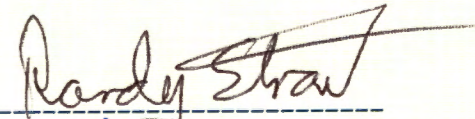
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Hunt County, Texas to be affixed, this 23 day of March 2021.



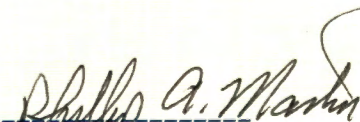
Bobby W. Stovall
County Judge



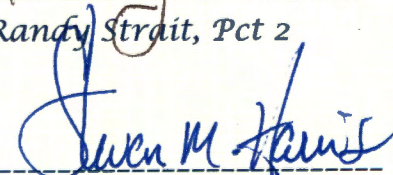
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Attest: 

Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk

