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House Resolution 1386

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Wilkerson of the 38<sup>th</sup>, Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Mr. Vamus Culpepper on the grand occasion of his 100th birthday; and for
- 2 other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Mr. Vamus Culpepper was born to the late Will and Lottie Culpepper in
- 4 Chipley, Georgia, now known as Pine Mountain, Georgia, on June 1, 1915, and he was the
- 5 third child of eight children; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Vamus received a fourth grade education, and God gave him not only enough
- 7 knowledge and wisdom for himself, but also enough to teach others; and
- 8 WHEREAS, God blessed Vamus with the love of his life, which was farming. He enjoyed
- 9 producing cotton, green and red bell peppers, corn, and other vegetables. Once the fields
- were harvested, he would stand in the middle of his 50 acres of land and look at what God
- 11 had blessed him with and the whiteness of the cotton, and the color and the fragrance of the
- bell peppers warmed his heart. Also, he loved raising cattle, hogs, and horses. Vamus knew
- 13 the results of these products would provide food and clothing for others; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was the devoted husband of the late Thelma Ruth Hightower Culpepper for
- 15 74 years; he loves and cherishes his ten children, Annie Ruth Culpepper (D), Mary George
- 16 Wortham (D), Barbara Jean Wortham, Rosa Hall, Roberta Tucker (D), Lucille Curry, Patricia
- 17 Ann Zachery, Jammie Lee Culpepper (D), Vamus Culpepper, Jr. (D), and Annette
- 18 Culpepper; and from this generation, 28 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, and 27
- 19 great-great-grandchildren have been born and loved; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Vamus is a proud and long-time member of 69 years of the Bethany Baptist
- 21 Church in Pine Mountain, Georgia. His faith in God encouraged him to serve other churches
- 22 in Pine Mountain, including Smith Chapel Methodist Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church,
- and Solomon Grove Baptist Church; and

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24 WHEREAS, he is known for helping others in need by securing loans, leasing houses for

- extremely low fees and sometimes for free, and supplying food and wood for the elderly; and
- 26 WHEREAS, his enduring faith in God, love for his family and community, and generosity
- of spirit set an example that all should strive to emulate.
- 28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 29 the members of this body congratulate Mr. Vamus Culpepper on the grand occasion of his
- 30 100th birthday and extend their most sincere best wishes for his continued health and
- 31 happiness.
- 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.
- 34 Vamus Culpepper and his daughters, Barbara Jean Wortham, Rosa Hall, Lucille Curry,
- 35 Patricia Ann Zachery, and Annette Culpepper.