

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR BROOME

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Rosie Brass Burnett on the celebration of her one hundredth birthday and to honor her lifetime of outstanding accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper to honor Rosie Burnett as an active and productive citizen of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burnett was born on July 1, 1910, in Franklin Parish near Wisner, Louisiana, in the rural community of Brushy Bayou; and

WHEREAS, times were difficult during her early years; she grew up with few opportunities for education or economic advancement; however, even as a young woman, Rosie put her faith in God and remained steadfast in her belief that Jesus Christ was in her heart, and would always be her protection and her solace; and

WHEREAS, during the Great Depression of the 1930s, she and her husband worked as sharecroppers before they purchased their own home and farmland; diligently tilling the soil to make a better life for themselves and their growing family; and

WHEREAS, having worked all of her life, Rosie Burnett is a self-made woman, strong of spirit and self-reliant, she learned the value of an education and instilled that appreciation in three generations of descendants, with each of her fourteen children receiving a college education and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren becoming accomplished scholars and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Rosie Burnett was born before the advent of rural electrical utilities, radio, television, and space travel, and in her mature years has witnessed man's walk on the moon, digital technology, miracles of science and medicine, and many other marvels that were unheard of only a few short decades ago; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burnett has been a witness of all manner of history and political milestones during her century of living including women's suffrage, the Modern Civil Rights Movement, minority voting rights legislation, and in 2008, proudly cast her vote for the election of President of the United States, Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, with a keen memory and great attention to detail, Rosie Burnett 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, she remains active in her community and as a faithful member of her church, forever the servant of her God; and

WHEREAS, Rosie Burnett merits a special measure of commendation and recognition for the tremendous pride, kindness, and sense of purpose that she brings to her family, friends, church, community, and state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Rosie Brass Burnett on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday, July 1, 2010, and does hereby recognize the extraordinary life she has lived thus far, and for the contributions she has made to her family and community, and to wish for her a full measure of happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Rosie B. Burnett.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE