

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mary Estelle Culp Barker on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mary Estelle Culp Barker celebrated her 100th birthday on October 28, 2012, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Fred and Carrie Childress Culp, Mary Estelle Culp was born the oldest of three children in Little Beech Creek in Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, at the age of six in 1918, Estelle and her family moved to Gibson County; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Peabody High School, Estelle Culp attended Union University in Jackson and the University of Tennessee Junior College in Martin; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mary Estelle Culp Barker served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher in the Gibson County public school system at Eaton Center and Edison, in which positions she earned the respect of her peers and students alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Estelle Culp Barker enjoyed nearly sixty-five years of marriage with her beloved husband, Joe W. Barker, before his untimely death in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barker is the devoted mother of two sons, Alfred M. Barker and Joe M. Barker, grandmother of four grandchildren, great-grandmother of five great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandmother of one great-great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, before the infirmities of age advanced, Estelle Barker was active in her church, Oak Grove United Methodist, the Home Demonstration Club, which once named her "Woman of the Year," the Trenton Garden Club, and other community projects; and

WHEREAS, as she gracefully enters her eleventh decade, Mrs. Barker lives in the Edison community of Gibson County and participates in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mary Estelle Culp Barker on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.