

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 141

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Elmer Brummitt on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

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

WHEREAS, Elmer Brummitt celebrated his 100th birthday on February 19, 2015, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Rogersville community, Mr. Brummitt has lived a blessed life, having experienced firsthand the most eventful and productive years in American history; and

WHEREAS, born to Hiram "Hide" and Maggie Cobb Brummitt, Elmer Brummitt began his life as a farm boy, working at various farms throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, when he was fifteen years old, Mr. Brummitt's mother passed away, and his father continued to raise him and one of his brothers; and

WHEREAS, after he reached adulthood, Elmer Brummitt moved to Illinois and started his first job, outside of farming, at the Paul F. Beich Candy Company, but he missed the hills and mountains of East Tennessee and returned to Hawkins County to work as a sharecropper; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 1946, after working for a tin roofing company and digging ditches for forty-five cents an hour, Mr. Brummitt began his career as an electrician and lineman at Pressman's Home, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work. For twenty-three years, he worked through the mountains, hills, and valleys, supplying communication from the Bell Telephone Company and Western Union to Pressman's Home; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brummitt has served as a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for sixty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, faithful and dedicated to his Lord, Elmer Brummitt has been a devout member of Spires Chapel Baptist Church in Rogersville since 1951; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brummitt married the love of his life, Miss Vangie Price, and the couple's union produced one child, Carolyn, who married Jim Stapleton and blessed her parents with three wonderful grandchildren, Martha, Craig, and Susan; and

WHEREAS, later, Elmer Brummitt became a proud great-grandfather, affectionately known as "Poppy" to his great-grandchildren, Brett and Clara; and

WHEREAS, attributing his long life to hard work and the outdoors, Mr. Brummitt said, "I would never have thought that I would live to be 100 years old, but I have always tried to do what was right and honor my parents"; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Brummitt enters his eleventh decade, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Elmer Brummitt on the celebration of his 100th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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