

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 553

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Edith Lavone (Babcock) "Peg" Jimenez on the celebration of her 102nd 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, Edith Lavone (Babcock) "Peg" Jimenez will celebrate her 102nd birthday on May 17, 2023, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a native of Osborne County, Kansas, Peg Jimenez was raised on a farm as the youngest of four children, and when her family moved to Yakima County, Washington, in 1937, she met her future husband Warren Jimenez at his family's fruit stand; and

WHEREAS, the two were married in 1942, while Mrs. Jimenez worked as a nanny and Mr. Jimenez as a ferry pilot, and when World War II broke out and summoned Mr. Jimenez away, Mrs. Jimenez took a job as a taxi driver in his absence; and

WHEREAS, upon Mr. Jimenez's return after the war's conclusion, Mrs. Jimenez became a full-time mother at their new residence in California; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Jimenez moved to the unincorporated community of Bumpus Mills, Tennessee, when Mr. Jimenez retired and their children had married, and they purchased Bumpus Mills Marina, beginning a new life as its managing owners; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Mr. Jimenez passed away, causing Mrs. Jimenez to sell the marina; she moved to Clarksville in 2012, where she lives to this day and dedicates her time to her artistic pursuits; and

WHEREAS, a passionate, creative mind, Mrs. Jimenez enjoyed playing guitar and singing in her earlier years, and she maintains that spirit through her driftwood sculpting and greeting-card making; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jimenez still seeks to seize every day, whether she is exercising, reading, crafting, or solving puzzles; and

WHEREAS, Peg Jimenez is the treasured matriarch of her family and a beloved friend and neighbor to all who are blessed to know her, and 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Edith Lavone (Babcock) "Peg" Jimenez on the celebration of her 102nd birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.