

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 601

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to recognize J.B. "Buddy" Glassman on the occasion of his eightieth 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, J.B. "Buddy" Glassman will celebrate his eightieth birthday on March 15, 2018, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born in Jackson in 1938, Mr. Glassman is the son of Cleveland and Sadie Kastleman Glassman; and

WHEREAS, a 1955 graduate of Jackson High School, Buddy Glassman attended the University of Alabama, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1959; that same year, he joined the United States Army, honorably serving his country until 1966, when he was discharged with the rank of captain; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Glassman received his law degree from Southern Law School in Memphis in 1963, thereafter beginning his law practice in downtown Jackson; he practiced law for more than forty-five years; and

WHEREAS, an entrepreneur as well as an attorney, Buddy Glassman assumed ownership of his family's business, Jackson Supply Company—a general store that sold consumer goods and provided small loans to local customers, the same year he graduated from law school; he also established Buddy's Pawnshop, a business he owned and operated from 1978 until 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Glassman has served his community as president of the Tennessee Pawnbrokers Association, a board member of the International Rock-A-Billy Hall of Fame

Museum and the "A Vision for You" recovery home, and a member of the Jackson Downtown Rotary Club and Jackson Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, he currently serves as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks and is a volunteer at Team Read, where he tutors second grade children in reading once a week; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Glassman is a longstanding member and former president and board member of the Congregation B'nai Israel Synagogue in Jackson; over the years, he and his family have welcomed many student rabbis into the synagogue and into their homes; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Glassman is the widower of his beloved wife, Brenda Cunningham Glassman, with whom he had six children; he is the doting grandfather of seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild, with one more great-grandchild on the way; and

WHEREAS, his unique zest for life is evidenced by the enthusiasm with which he pursues his love of dance, golf, shopping at yard sales, fishing, and traveling to Europe to visit his sons; his love of family has always been the keystone of his life; 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate J.B. "Buddy" Glassman on the celebration of his eightieth birthday and wish him mazel tov, many more years of much naches with his family and friends, and 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.