

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 673

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A RESOLUTION to honor Dorothy Crawford on the celebration of her ninetieth 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, Dorothy "Dot" Crawford celebrated her ninetieth birthday on January 19, 2012, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born on January 19, 1922, in Haddonfield, New Jersey, Mrs. Crawford is the daughter of G. Arthur Jobes and Serena Fleming Jobes, who taught her the value of hard work and service to others; and

WHEREAS, an avid learner and diligent student, Dot Crawford attended public schools in Collingswood, New Jersey, matriculated at Maryville College, and earned her bachelor's degree in Human Ecology from Mary Washington College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crawford was joined in holy matrimony with Roy Crawford on February 16, 1946, and their blessed union produced three devoted children: Roy, Jr., Serena, and Mary; and

WHEREAS, Dot Crawford is an outstanding educator who devoted her career to providing the highest quality education for her students; and

WHEREAS, as a school teacher in Princeton, New Jersey, Mrs. Crawford worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a truly capable educator, Dot Crawford skillfully taught her students at Tyson Junior High School in Knoxville for many years, earning the respect of her students and colleagues alike due to her compassionate nature and vaulted academic standards; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crawford is a dedicated civic leader who has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through her work with the Chilhowee Club; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Crawford is an active and devout member of the Presbyterian Church, where she has faithfully served as a Deacon, Elder, English as a Second Language Teacher, Weight Watchers Instructor, Sunday School Teacher, Founder of Hospice, and member of the Woman's Circle; and

WHEREAS, as Dot Crawford enters her tenth decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to seize 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dorothy Crawford on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday and extend to her 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.