

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 684

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Leonard Doyle Kirk on the celebration of his ninetieth 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, Leonard Doyle Kirk will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on February 5, 2020, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Leonard Kirk is a true Christian gentleman, a devoted family man, and a steadfast friend to all; and

WHEREAS, the son of Fred Clarence Kirk and Cora Olive Staggs Kirk, Leonard Kirk was born in Ethridge and graduated from Lawrence County High School in 1949; and

WHEREAS, he was joined in marriage with Betty Louise Gamble on July 22, 1958, and the two shared fifty-three years together before her passing; the couple's blessed union produced a son, Leonard Mark (Sara) Kirk. Mr. Kirk is the proud grandfather of Lindsey Beth (Nathan) Tenpenny, Kimberly Anne Kirk, and Karen Elise Kirk; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Kirk served with acumen and alacrity at Independent Life Insurance Company, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work before taking his much-deserved retirement in 1985; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual man well versed in the Bible, Mr. Kirk has worshipped at Midway Church of Christ and Flatwoods Church of Christ, where he led singing for twenty-four years; he taught classes and served as a deacon and elder at Pulaski Street Church of Christ for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, he is known by those close to him as a man of resolute faith; his wisdom and knowledge are as valued by those around him as his generosity of spirit; and

WHEREAS, even in his hobbies, Mr. Kirk has endeavored to uplift and strengthen his community; for many years, he raised a large garden from which he provided produce to his friends and those who needed help; and

WHEREAS, as Leonard Kirk approaches his tenth 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Leonard Doyle Kirk on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and extend to him 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.