

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 754

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Albert "Al" Hilliard 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, Albert "Al" Hilliard celebrated his ninetieth birthday on March 5, 2016, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Al Hilliard has lived a blessed life, having experienced firsthand many of the most eventful and productive years in American history; and

WHEREAS, Al Hilliard was born on March 10, 1926, in Huntingdon, along with his twin brother, Addison Hilliard, and is a graduate of Clarksburg High School; and

WHEREAS, inseparable since birth, both brothers joined the armed forces on the same day and served in the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work, Al Hilliard still serves with acumen and alacrity sixteen hours per week as an accountant at Espey Oil Company; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Hilliard enters his tenth decade, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, and serving as treasurer of the Huntingdon Ruritan Club and the Carroll-Benton Baptist Club; and

WHEREAS, Al Hilliard was honored at the 2014 Heritage Festival and was the recipient of the Pioneer Family Award; and

WHEREAS, a celebration was held in Huntingdon on March 5, 2016, in honor of the twins' birthday, and the mayor's wife presented a plaque and proclamation declaring the day as "Albert and Addison Hilliard Day"; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout member of East View Baptist Church, which he has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hilliard is the proud parent of three children and the loving grandparent of seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; 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 Albert "Al" Hilliard on the celebration of his ninetieth 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.