

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 792

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to celebrate and honor Arnold Simpkins on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> 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, Arnold Simpkins will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 22, 2024, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simpkins was born on March 22, 1924, in Cheatham County, and was raised there until 1943, when he turned eighteen and was drafted into the United States Army, finding joy in the hardships through travel and the friendships he made during the war; and

WHEREAS, his service often consisted of supplying fuel to troops on the front line, and his initial days in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, led to his stationing in England, France, and Germany, where he spent three years before returning to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simpkins always offered his gratitude to God for his safe return home, and he has continued to hold a strong love for his country and the service he was able to perform for it; after returning to the United States, he spent an additional three years in the Army Reserve, also finding work as a candy maker and as a lineman for Nashville Electric Services, where he spent forty years of his career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simpkins has lived an amazing life and has experienced firsthand the breadth and span of American history; and

WHEREAS, he is a joy to be around and a blessing to all who have the good fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, as Arnold Simpkins enters his eleventh decade, he is still an active and productive member of society who is admired for his wisdom, spirit of generosity, integrity, and enthusiasm for 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Arnold Simpkins on the celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> 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.