

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1011

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Sarah Elizabeth Boles on the celebration of her 104<sup>th</sup> 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, Sarah Elizabeth Boles celebrated her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 26, 2024, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Boles is the daughter of Margaret "Maggie" Lorena Pierson and Andrew Wilson McCuiston; the McCuiston family is one of Tennessee's first families, direct descendants of those who lived in the territory that is now Tennessee before statehood was granted in 1796; and

WHEREAS, along with her siblings, Ford Pierson McCuiston, Roy Wilson McCuiston, James Howard McCuiston, Miles Franklin McCuiston, Benton Edward McCuiston, Hazel Lorena McCuiston, and Kenneth Vernon McCuiston, Mrs. Boles grew up on the family farm in Rhea County, which she left after graduating from high school and enrolling in secretarial college; and

WHEREAS, initially, she worked for the TVA during the building of the Watts Bar Dam, but during World War II, she left for a position at the Secret City and worked there until after the war's end; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Boles was a participant in a group of workers who donated \$150,000 of Sunday overtime pay to buy a B-25 Billy Mitchell Bomber for the war effort; the plane, "Sunday Punch," was sent to the China-Burma-India theatre, where it was piloted by Lieutenant Thomas Evans of Knoxville; Sunday Punch was never hit by enemy fire in combat, and it set a record for flying the longest medium bomber missions on record (1,600 miles); and

WHEREAS, in Ohio, on June 1, 1946, Elizabeth Boles married Joseph A. Boles, a veteran of the Normandy invasion, and the couple spent several years living and working in various places while starting their family; they moved to Tennessee and settled in Kingston in 1960 with their three children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Boles worked as a school secretary at Cherokee Middle School from 1966 to 1969 and later returned to TVA in 1970 while her husband joined the TVA police force; and

WHEREAS, a woman of abiding faith, Mrs. Boles is an active, lifelong Baptist, and she always strives for kindness and generosity; and

WHEREAS, she has many passions, particularly reading and gardening, and she continued to do so well into her life until her eyesight deteriorated; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Boles is the proud mother of Jane Ann, Donald James, and Linda Ruth and the grandmother of Beth Boles Beeckmans, Nikki Smith, Matthew Boles, Shaun Tipton, and Casey Tipton; and

WHEREAS, today, she still lives in the house she and her husband bought in 1970, accompanied by her daughter, Jane Ann Hoskins; 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 recognize and honor Sarah Elizabeth Boles on the celebration of her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday and extend to her 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.