

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1047

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor John Wesley Currin on the occasion of his 100th 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, John Wesley Currin of Memphis will celebrate his 100th birthday on March 30, 2024, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1924, in Halls, Tennessee, John Currin was born, the son of Lula B. Smith and Marshall G. Currin, Sr., and brother of Clyde Currin (deceased) and Marshall G. Currin, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, he attended Halls Grammar School and Lauderdale County Training School and graduated from Lincoln High School in Charles, Missouri, before enrolling at The Master Designer School of Tailoring in Ripley, which prepared him for his career as a tailor; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 1946, Mr. Currin enlisted in the United States Army, serving as a quartermaster and truck driver in World War II until his honorable discharge in February of 1949; and

WHEREAS, in the same year he enlisted, he was joined in marriage with Estelle Eison, and their union was blessed with four children: Jerome Wesley Currin, Janice Currin, Johnny Albert Currin, and Jeffrey Dwayne Currin; he is the progenitor of nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, his family lived in Halls for a time before relocating to Memphis, where Mr. Currin worked for the United States Postal Service; after a long and fruitful career, he retired on October 1, 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Currin keeps his mind sharp by reading, completing crossword puzzles, listening to jazz, watching westerns, and working on carpentry, and he still retains the ability to drive a car and ride a stationary bike every day; 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 John Currin approaches his 100th year, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as his health permits; 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 John Wesley Currin on the celebration of his 100th 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.