

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1108

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Henry Edward Frazier and Edsel B. Frazier.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee have, throughout the years, been called upon to take up arms against the enemies of this great nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, while the heroic deeds of Tennesseans have been extolled throughout the history of our State and nation, the distinguished military service of every proud Tennessean should be illuminated, shared, and properly honored; and

WHEREAS, two such individuals are Henry Edward Frazier and Edsel B. Frazier, who celebrated their ninety-second birthdays on March 13, 2018, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the twin sons of Hassie and Robert Lee Frazier, Edward Frazier and Edsel Frazier were born in Dry Creek in DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, inducted at Camp Forrest at the age of eighteen, Edward Frazier and Edsel Frazier honorably served their country in the United States Army during World War II and endured horrific conditions; they began in the 99th Army Infantry Division and served with General Hodges and General George Patton while crossing the Blue Danube, and they walked across the bridge at the Rhine during the landing at Normandy; and

WHEREAS, honorably discharged at the rank of Private 1st Class in Fort Logan, Colorado, Edward Frazier and Edsel Frazier are the recipients of service awards, including an Eastern Rhine Medal and a European Theatre Medal; and

WHEREAS, active in politics, Edward Frazier has served on numerous county committees and as mayor of Smithville for two terms; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Shriners, Edsel Frazier served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, active in their community, they have played key positions in their local Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts, and Edward Frazier served as commander for many years; and

WHEREAS, in their tenth decade, Edward Frazier and Edsel Frazier are still active and productive members of society, participating in various civic and community events, as their health permits; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for their bravery and dedication to preserving the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor Edward Frazier and Edsel Frazier to the full extent of our ability, as they made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Henry Edward Frazier and Edsel B. Frazier and commend their courageous service to our nation as two of Tennessee's most heroic citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.