

HOUSE RESOLUTION 3

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A RESOLUTION to honor Mary Alice Gandy upon casting her first vote in a presidential election.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to honor those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Mary Alice Gandy at the age of 106 recently cast her first ballot ever when she voted in the 2008 presidential election, a milestone that will be commemorated as a precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a sharecropper in Mississippi when she was young and a seamstress in Memphis when she was older, Ms. Gandy never bothered to register to vote, until this year when she was inspired to vote for President-Elect Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, Mary Alice Gandy, who lives in Bethel Grove with her grandson, saw the television ads for Barack Obama and decided to vote in the historic election, which allowed her to vote for an African American candidate, a momentous occasion she never expected to experience; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that this General Assembly seize this golden opportunity to 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mary Alice Gandy upon the casting of her first ballot in a presidential election. We extend our warmest wishes to Ms. Gandy for good health and continued happiness in the years to come.

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