

HOUSE RESOLUTION 14

By Richey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sterling Hearon on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Sterling Hearon celebrated his 100th birthday on February 5, 2023, a milestone commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Blount County, Sterling Hearon has lived an amazing life and has experienced firsthand the breadth and span of American history; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Lanier High School, Mr. Hearon served in the United States Navy during World War II, stationed aboard the USS *Pelias*, a repair ship for submarines; and

WHEREAS, once he completed his military tenure, he enrolled in the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he earned his bachelor's degree in education. He then taught at Blount County schools for twenty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, he was joined in holy matrimony with Jean Wilson. Together, they were blessed with their son, Dennis; three grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a great-great-grandson, who is on the way; and

WHEREAS, he is also a devoted, longtime member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hearon is a proud veteran, cattle farmer, and retired teacher, and as he enters his eleventh decade, he is still an active and revered citizen of Blount County; 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, that we honor and congratulate Sterling Hearon 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.