

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 139

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Elinor Jayne Collins on the celebration of her ninetieth 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, Mrs. Elinor Jayne Collins celebrated her ninetieth birthday on February 1, 2017, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1947, she was joined in marriage with John Franklyn Collins, who has since gone on to his great reward; the couple's blessed union produced nine children, fourteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chattanooga, Mrs. Collins carried out the noble duties of homemaker until 1972, when she took on the added responsibilities of working at South Central Bell, where she served with acumen and alacrity until her retirement in 1994; and

WHEREAS, committed to the youth of her community, Elinor Collins enthusiastically served Central High School and Glencliff High School as a member of the Band Boosters from 1963 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Collins has also served as a Brownie Leader and Girl Scout Troop Helper and Cookie Coordinator; she has passionately devoted herself to the activities of those she loves, having three sons who were Eagle Scouts, as well as three daughters and two granddaughters who were in the Eternal Order of Rainbow Girls, three of whom held state offices for the Order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Collins is known as an excellent seamstress, often sewing clothes, including wedding dresses and band uniforms, for her grandchildren and others; and

WHEREAS, a courageous woman, Mrs. Collins has been a survivor of breast cancer since 1995; she is the recipient of two knee replacements and one hip replacement; and

WHEREAS, an agricultural entrepreneur, Mrs. Collins has engaged in organic farming since 1968, having tended vegetable and flower gardens for fifty years; she has orchestrated the family's annual canning of jams, jellies, pickles, vegetables, and relishes since her marriage to Mr. Collins in 1947; and

WHEREAS, as she approaches her tenth decade, Elinor Collins remains an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events as her 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Elinor Jayne Collins on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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