

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 291

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate James E. Steele, Sr., on the celebration of his ninetieth 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, James E. Steele, Sr., is celebrating his ninetieth birthday on March 9, 2023, a milestone that is being commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Oak Ridge, Mr. Steele is an esteemed veteran of the U.S. Army, who honorably served his nation in Korea and Germany; and

WHEREAS, James Steele has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in their community, which he has demonstrated throughout his forty-two years of service on the Anderson County Election Commission and as a member of the AFL-CIO Central Labor Council, an organization which he also served as financial secretary-treasurer for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steele has nurtured an unwavering devotion to servant leadership through his church, Scarboro Church of Christ, where he has faithfully served as elder, treasurer, youth director, and outreach director; and

WHEREAS, a trusted advisor and mentor to many, he has also served as a member of the Hillbrook Christian Camp board of directors, the Knoxville Christian School board of directors, the Tennessee State Youth Conference Steering Committee, and the Guiding Light Circle bereavement ministry; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, James Steele is an avid bowler, woodworker, and furniture maker, and he is an enthusiastic supporter of the Oak Ridge High School Wildcats; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Steele enters his tenth decade, he is still an active and productive member of society who is admired for his wisdom, guidance, and generosity; 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate James E. Steele, Sr., on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and extend to him 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.