

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 600

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate James Willis Ailshie on the celebration of his 100th 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 Willis Ailshie will celebrate his 100th birthday on March 8, 2012, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Mohawk in Greene County, Mr. Ailshie is the fourth of eleven children born to Alex Ailshie and Mary Luttrell Ailshie, who taught him the value of hard work and service to others; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 1930, Mr. Ailshie was joined in marriage with Dussie Ailshie, with whom he treasured almost eighty years of wedded bliss before her passing in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the couple's blessed union produced seven children: Billie Jo Ailshie Hazelwood, George Ailshie, Harry Ailshie, Glenn Ailshie, late James Lee Ailshie, Launa Ailshie Lyle, and Scotty Ailshie; and

WHEREAS, a brilliant entrepreneur and leader in the agricultural community, Mr. Ailshie supported his family by tilling the rich Tennessee soil and masterfully operating the James Ailshie Grocery in Mohawk for thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep faith, James Ailshie is the oldest living member of Fairview Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ailshie is also a devoted civic leader who has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his eighteen years of service on the Greene County School Board; and

WHEREAS, as he approaches his eleventh decade, James Ailshie is still an active and productive member of society, cheering on the Lady Vols and participating in various civic and community events, as his 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 SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate James Willis Ailshie on the celebration of his 100th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for every future happiness.

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