

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1532

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate James D. "Budgie" Oakley 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 D. "Budgie" Oakley will celebrate his 100th birthday on August 18, 2024, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Hartsville, James Oakley has lived an amazing life and has experienced firsthand the breadth and span of American history; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Macon County High School, James Oakley served his nation during World War II as a radio communication officer, in which position he earned the respect and admiration of his peers; and

WHEREAS, upon returning home, Mr. Oakley earned a degree in literature from Middle Tennessee State University before attending pharmacy school at the University of Mississippi and then moving to Hartsville; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 1949, James Oakley was joined in holy matrimony with Sue Flippin Bratton; together, they were blessed with one daughter, Kathy; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman of many talents and interests, Mr. Oakley worked at Vauches, and in 1956, he opened Oakley Pharmacy, where he practiced until December 31, 1993; and

WHEREAS, James Oakley is a proud veteran and retired businessman, and as he enters his 100th year, he is still an active and revered citizen of his community; 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 D. "Budgie" Oakley 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.