

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1570

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Marie Courtney on the celebration of her 102nd birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Marie Courtney celebrated her 102nd birthday on March 31, 2024, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born on March 31, 1922, in the Poor Valley area of Hawkins County, Ms. Courtney is one of thirteen children who were born to Thomas Anderson Johnson and Julia Catherine Martin Johnson; and

WHEREAS, during her working years, Marie Courtney was responsible for cleaning several local buildings, including Citizens Union Bank in Rogersville, Cherokee High School, and Hawkins County Jail facilities; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, she has been blessed with the love of family, including her sons, Kenneth Wayne Courtney and Glen Allen Courtney, Sr.; her grandchildren, Tammy Courtney, Glen Allen Courtney, Jr., and the late Kevin Courtney; her great-grandchildren, Matthew Courtney, Blake Renfro, Trey Courtney, and Abbie Courtney; and her great-great-grandchildren, Mason Courtney and Addy Courtney; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Courtney has many talents and passions, including gardening, visiting with her family and friends, and cooking "good country meals"; and

WHEREAS, Marie Courtney is still a positive force for good, admired by many for her unwavering faith in the Lord, her kind spirit, and her dedication to her community and her family; 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 recognize and honor Marie Courtney on the celebration of her 102nd birthday and extend to her 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.