

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1865

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kenneth Karl Schubring, Sr., on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

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

WHEREAS, Kenneth Karl Schubring, Sr., will celebrate his 100th birthday on June 28, 2022, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a decorated veteran and member of America's Greatest Generation, Kenneth Schubring served his nation with courage and honor during World War II; and

WHEREAS, a native of Manistique, Michigan, Mr. Schubring survived the attack on Pearl Harbor that led to the entry of the United States into World War II; he remained in combat duty in the United States Air Force until the last day of the war in 1945; and

WHEREAS, on that fateful December day in 1941, Mr. Schubring was stationed five miles north of Pearl Harbor and had just finished his shift on guard duty; the details of the Japanese bombers that filled the sky are etched in his memory; his barracks were hit, and the nearby hangar and all of the planes were destroyed; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, his unit was flying B29 bombers on a mission to Osaka, Japan, when the announcement was made that the Japanese emperor wanted to end the war; Kenneth Schubring had been in active combat on the first day and the last day of World War II; and

WHEREAS, attaining the rank of first lieutenant, Mr. Schubring was later promoted to captain, a rank he still holds in the Retired Air Force Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schubring received a number of awards and ribbons in recognition of his military service, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, he received a Master of Business Administration degree and served on the board of education in Athens, Georgia, where he rendered sterling service as president and vice president of the board during his two terms; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Schubring enters his eleventh 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 our nation's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kenneth Karl Schubring, Sr., on the celebration of his 100th birthday, thank him for his meritorious service to his country, 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.