

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR BROOME

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Rosie Brass Burnett on her one hundredth birthday.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Rosie Brass Burnett on the celebration of her one hundredth
3 birthday and to honor her lifetime of outstanding accomplishments.

4 WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper to honor Rosie Burnett as an active and
5 productive citizen of the state of Louisiana; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burnett was born on July 1, 1910, in Franklin Parish near Wisner,
7 Louisiana, in the rural community of Brushy Bayou; and

8 WHEREAS, times were difficult during her early years; she grew up with few
9 opportunities for education or economic advancement; however, even as a young woman,
10 Rosie put her faith in God and remained steadfast in her belief that Jesus Christ was in her
11 heart, and would always be her protection and her solace; and

12 WHEREAS, during the Great Depression of the 1930s, she and her husband worked
13 as sharecroppers before they purchased their own home and farmland; diligently tilling the
14 soil to make a better life for themselves and their growing family; and

15 WHEREAS, having worked all of her life, Rosie Burnett is a self-made woman,
16 strong of spirit and self-reliant, she learned the value of an education and instilled that
17 appreciation in three generations of descendants, with each of her fourteen children receiving
18 a college education and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren becoming accomplished

1 scholars and entrepreneurs; and

2 WHEREAS, Rosie Burnett was born before the advent of rural electrical utilities,
3 radio, television, and space travel, and in her mature years has witnessed man's walk on the
4 moon, digital technology, miracles of science and medicine, and many other marvels that
5 were unheard of only a few short decades ago; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burnett has been a witness of all manner of history and political
7 milestones during her century of living including women's suffrage, the Modern Civil Rights
8 Movement, minority voting rights legislation, and in 2008, proudly cast her vote for the
9 election of President of the United States, Barack Obama; and

10 WHEREAS, with a keen memory and great attention to detail, Rosie Burnett shares
11 her one hundred years of life experiences with her family and friends, all who gaze in
12 wonder at the events she has seen and participated in, firsthand; and

13 WHEREAS, she remains active in her community and as a faithful member of her
14 church, forever the servant of her God; and

15 WHEREAS, Rosie Burnett merits a special measure of commendation and
16 recognition for the tremendous pride, kindness, and sense of purpose that she brings to her
17 family, friends, church, community, and state.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
19 does hereby commend Rosie Brass Burnett on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday,
20 July 1, 2010, and does hereby recognize the extraordinary life she has lived thus far, and for
21 the contributions she has made to her family and community, and to wish for her a full
22 measure of happiness in the years to come.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Rosie
24 B. Burnett.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

DIGEST

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