

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 34

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Essie Pope Patterson on the occasion of her ninetieth 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, Essie Pope Patterson will celebrate her ninetieth birthday on January 10, 2023, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Patterson has lived a rich and fulfilling life, dedicating her time over the years to helping and caring for others; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Silent Generation, Essie Patterson was born on January 10, 1933, in Macon, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, for nineteen years, Mrs. Patterson served as a supervisor and resident quality manager for Levi Strauss, a position in which she earned the respect of her peers and supervisors alike for her exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Patterson is a charter member of the Etta M. Selmon Chapter No. 291 Order of the Eastern Star P.H.A. for fifteen years. An active member to this day, she previously served the organization as the Worthy Matron for fifteen years and as a Grand Trustee for Excelsior Grand Chapter, O.E.S., P.H.A.; and

WHEREAS, Essie Patterson is the matriarch of five generations of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She enjoyed many years of marriage with her husband, the late Reverend Charles J. Patterson, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, a devoted follower of the faith, Mrs. Patterson is a member of New Salem Baptist Church, which she has served as Missionary Leader, choir member, and culinary team

leader. She spends much of her time checking in on the sick and shut-in members of the church; and

WHEREAS, Essie Patterson is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events as her 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Essie Pope Patterson on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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.