

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 215

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sue Malone on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Sue Malone celebrated her 100th birthday on January 1, 2017, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born Bertha Sue Campbell, Sue Malone grew up in Fayetteville; she married her husband, Hudson "Hut" Malone, on June 16, 1934; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Malone spent her career in the restaurant industry, from waitressing at cafés in Daytona, Florida, to cooking, waiting tables, and pumping the gas at The Fork Truck Stop in Fayetteville; she and her husband opened Hut's on the square in Murfreesboro in the mid-1960s and Sue's on Eighth Avenue in Nashville in 1976, where the menus featured her home-cooked meat-and-three and her homemade slices of pie; and

WHEREAS, after stepping down from operating her own restaurants, Sue Malone was a hostess for four years at Shoney's and a waitress at Cracker Barrel for six years; she was named waitress of the year at the age of seventy-five; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the death of her husband and her retirement at the age of seventy-nine, Sue Malone was encouraged by her daughter to get involved at the Fair Park Senior Center, where she was challenged to enter her first beauty pageant; and

WHEREAS, at eighty years young, Mrs. Malone was crowned the 1996 Ms. Senior Cumberland County and was named Miss Congeniality in the Ms. Senior Upper Cumberland Pageant in Cookeville; for her talent, she wore a Charleston flapper girl dress and wowed the crowd by dancing "The Charleston"; and

WHEREAS, eager to explore faraway places, Sue Malone traveled around the globe in her eighties and nineties, visiting England, Italy, France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, the Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Sue Malone is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her four daughters, Gail, Louise, Peggy, and Deborah; she is the beloved "Mamaw" to her fourteen grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. Malone approaches her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, serving on the board of directors of the Ms. Senior Tennessee pageant; in 2014, she was awarded the honorary title of Ms. Senior Universe; 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 TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sue Malone on the celebration of her 100th 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.