

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1341

By Martin B

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joe Ray Davis on the celebration of his 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, Joe Ray Davis celebrates his 100th birthday on June 23, 2024, a milestone to be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis has lived an amazing life and has experienced firsthand the breadth and span of American history; and

WHEREAS, Joe Davis was born on June 23, 1924, and he is a Class of 1942 graduate of Kenton High School; he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1948; and

WHEREAS, a true American patriot, Mr. Davis served in the military from February of 1943 to February of 1946, when he received a discharge at the rank of Pharmacy Mate 2nd Class; during his Pacific Theater tenure, he was a member of the U.S. Navy-Marines 2nd Division and served at Saipan, Tinian, Iheya, and Okinawa; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his military service, Mr. Davis co-owned Newman's Supermarket for thirty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, Joe Davis enjoyed seventy-six years of marriage with his soulmate, Carrie Newman, before her passing in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis is a joy to be around and a blessing to all who have the good fortune of knowing him; as he approaches his eleventh decade, he remains an active and beloved member of his community; 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 Joe Ray Davis on the celebration of his 100th birthday 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.