

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1497

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Barbara Joyce Driver-Rice on the celebration of her seventieth 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, Barbara Joyce Driver-Rice will celebrate her seventieth birthday on October 17, 2024, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Etta M. Driver Rayborn and David Clyde Driver, Sr., and the sister of our esteemed colleague Representative Karen Camper, Barbara Joyce Driver-Rice was born in Hughes, Arkansas, on October 17, 1954; and

WHEREAS, a 1972 graduate of Southside High School in Memphis, Mrs. Driver-Rice retired from the San Angelo Independent School District in San Angelo, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community, Ms. Driver-Rice loves to cook and travel, having visited thirty-seven states so far, but she especially loves spending time with her family and doting on her treasured grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a beloved family matriarch, she is the proud mother of six devoted children, Dectra Darnell Rice, Charles Princeton Rice, Carleton Rice, Crystal Rice, JonDavid Thomas, and Sierra Thomas; and the loving grandmother of Iyleena Rice, Izayah Rice, Keevon Rice, Alanis Rice, Saryan Rice, Nariah Rice, Rocco Rice, Jayla Elliott, Jarvis Elliott, Jr., Jada Elliott, Ja'King Elliott, Jayston Ward, Zachary Reed, Amari Thomas, Jariah Thomas, Judah Thomas, Kaleah Thomas, Kayonni Thomas, Zayeluh Thomas, Jamahi Riggins, Kyren Thomas, Braelyn Betts, and J'Kahi Betts; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of this nation'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 Barbara Joyce Driver-Rice on the celebration of her seventieth 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.