

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Maxine Fields McKenzie on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday.

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

WHEREAS, Maxine Fields McKenzie celebrated her ninetieth birthday on January 9, 2025, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born in Flat Rock, Alabama, Maxine McKenzie has lived an amazing life and has experienced firsthand the breadth and span of American history; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McKenzie graduated from Pisgah High School, where she met her husband, Lewis McKenzie, and then attended the University of Alabama and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education; she has since served as president of the local chapter of the University of Alabama Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Mrs. McKenzie moved to Chattanooga, and she first taught in Rossville, Georgia, before accepting a sixth grade teaching position, specializing in science, at Alpine Crest Elementary School, where she served for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, her fellow teachers knew Mrs. McKenzie to be a strong but fair disciplinarian as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McKenzie is a devoted member of Red Bank United Methodist Church, and her capacity for volunteering earned her the nickname "The Energizer Bunny" from her friends; and

WHEREAS, Maxine McKenzie is the loving mother of her daughter, Marcia, and son, John, who know her as a selfless and giving caretaker; she is also the grandmother to four grandchildren and great-grandmother to seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. McKenzie enters her ninetieth year, she is still an active and productive member of society who is admired for her wisdom, spirit of generosity, and enthusiasm for life; 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 FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Maxine Fields McKenzie on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday and extend to her 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.