

HOUSE RESOLUTION 6

By Gillespie

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Evelyn Josephine Parrish on the celebration of her 100th 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, Evelyn Josephine Parrish will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 19, 2023, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born in Murfreesboro, Josephine Parrish has lived an amazing life and has experienced firsthand the breadth and span of American history; and

WHEREAS, early in her childhood, Ms. Parrish moved with her family to a farm in West Tennessee. After graduating from Gaines School and Ripley High School, she moved to Memphis in 1940; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, Ms. Parrish joined the civilian workforce for the Southern Division of the Department of the Navy, Navy Facilities Engineering Command at the Millington Naval Base. She took a much-deserved retirement in 1974 after being employed with the division for almost three decades; and

WHEREAS, a devoted daughter, Ms. Parrish faithfully cared for her mother, with whom she lived, until her mother's passing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parrish is a devoted member of National Avenue Baptist Church and its successor, New Church Memphis. While she was a member of National Avenue Baptist Church, Ms. Parrish served as church clerk, Young Women's Association director, youth director, choir member, and Church Training and Sunday School teacher. Utilizing her bachelor's degree in Christian education from Mid-South Bible College in Memphis, she taught

multiple age groups from children to young adults, all while serving on various church-related committees; and

WHEREAS, the longest living member of the Parrish and Hopper families in history, she is the proud aunt of twelve nieces and nephews, and a host of great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, as Ms. Parrish enters her eleventh decade, 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Evelyn Josephine Parrish on the celebration of her 100th 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.