

HOUSE RESOLUTION 304

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Isabel Buford Garrett 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, Isabel Buford Garrett will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 24, 2016, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Clarence and Jennie Buford, Ms. Garrett, now affectionately known as Granny Garrett, was born and raised in the close-knit community of Willow Grove until the construction of Dale Hollow Lake led her family to resettle; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Clay County, Granny Garrett is a highly respected member of her community; and

WHEREAS, until just three years ago, Ms. Garrett served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher and substitute teacher, in which positions she earned the respect of her peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Granny Garrett began her teaching career in the one-room schoolhouse of Maple Grove School in Clay County, where she taught first- through eighth-grade students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Garrett taught fulltime for almost half a century with the majority of her teaching years spent at Allons Elementary School and became well known in her community for her commitment and dedication to learning; her motto was "love the child, guide the child, teach the child, and nurture the child"; and

WHEREAS, Isabel Garrett was joined in marriage with Grady Paul Garrett and the couple's blessed union produced two children, Paul Martin Garrett and Jennie Garrett Crowther. Ms. Garrett is also a grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother; and

WHEREAS, as Granny Garrett approaches her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, having entered the Tennessee record books for being the oldest woman to complete a 5K run at the age of ninety-five; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Garrett continues to maintain an active lifestyle and has already completed three quilts this year with another on the way; 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Isabel Buford Garrett 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.