

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 299

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Berta Wolfe Campbell Collins on the celebration of her ninety-eighth birthday.

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

WHEREAS, Berta Wolfe Campbell Collins will celebrate her ninety-eighth birthday on March 30, 2009, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins is a highly respected member of the Sneedville community; and

WHEREAS, for nearly forty years, Berta Collins served with acumen and alacrity as a public school teacher, in which position she earned the respect of her students and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, even after retiring from her teaching position, Ms. Collins remained close to the local community of educators as she served for twenty-two years as President of the Hancock County Retired Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, she has also been deeply committed to improving the health and well-being of her fellow citizens; she served for twelve years not only as a board member but also as First Secretary of the Rural Health Services Consortium; and

WHEREAS, her rich civic life has also included fifty-four years as a member of the Sneedville Chapter #443 Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, her duties as a public servant and member of various civic associations have no doubt brought Ms. Collins great personal satisfaction, and through it all she maintained her abiding faith as a member of the War Creek Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday

School, worked in the VBS, and served as Church Clerk, a position to which she dedicated sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins has long been a creative and artistic person, making quilt tops and quilting them, crocheting afghans and other items, many of which she has given to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; she has also enjoyed her garden and loves to plant flowers; and

WHEREAS, her life is a reflection of the advice she often gives to those who ask for her secret to the good life: stay busy and involved, think positively and youthfully; 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 SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Berta Wolfe Campbell Collins on the celebration of her ninety-eighth 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.