

HOUSE RESOLUTION 240

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Frank Anthony DeCaterina on the celebration of his ninetieth 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, Frank Anthony DeCaterina will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on March 9, 2010, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community and a man of integrity, Mr. DeCaterina exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the son of Anthony and Rose DeCaterina, Mr. DeCaterina was born on March 9, 1920 in Newburgh, New York, the middle of nine children and oldest of five boys; and

WHEREAS, in his younger years, Frank DeCaterina was an adventurous boy and a jack of all trades who worked at the bowling alley setting up the pins and at the local movie theater gathering the tickets; with boundless energy, Mr. DeCaterina avidly collected milk bottles and coal-clinker, proudly served as the American Flag Boy in the Fourth of July Parade, and was known around his neighborhood as a defender of the weak and all-around good guy; and

WHEREAS, an American patriot, Mr. DeCaterina served with honor and bravery for twenty-one years in the United States Navy, retiring as a Master Diver and a proud recipient of the prestigious Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years, Mr. DeCaterina served with acumen and alacrity as a Sales Executive at WCYB-TV, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, throughout his nine glorious decades on this earth, Mr. DeCaterina has always been an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events and mastering a multitude of careers as he held the titles of life insurance salesman, Santa Claus, appliance and electronic store owner, paint store owner, school photographer, radio advertising salesman, television advertising salesman, broom salesman, top fundraiser for Theater Bristol, domestic engineer, and rice chef; and

WHEREAS, Frank DeCaterina was joined in marriage with Cathy Randall and the couple's blessed union produced three wonderful children and three amazing grandchildren; 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, that we hereby honor and congratulate Frank Anthony DeCaterina on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and extend to him 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.