

SENATE RESOLUTION 10

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bertie Hawkins on the celebration of her 100th 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, Bertie Hawkins will celebrate her 100th birthday on February 28, 2011, a milestone that is being commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born in Hancock County on February 28, 1911, Bertie Hawkins was the third child born to Fred and Kathryn Bowlin; and

WHEREAS, she was joined in holy matrimony with Robert Hawkins, Sr., and she lived much of her early life in Hawkins County before moving to Kingsport with her husband; the couple celebrated more than fifty years of marriage before his passing in 1980; and

WHEREAS, the couple's blessed union produced three children, Robert Hawkins, Jr., Marcelena Roberts, and Trula Simmons; seven grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; and seventeen great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as she sails gracefully into her second century, Bertie Hawkins is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various church and community events. She enjoys reading her Bible, cooking, gardening, and quilting. She continues to make many quilts for her family and church bazaars; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins lives in Bluff City and is a devout member of Elizabeth Chapel Methodist Church; 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with the family and friends of Bertie Hawkins in celebrating her 100th birthday and extend to Ms. Hawkins our best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.