

SENATE RESOLUTION 52

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Senator Douglas S. Henry, Jr., on the celebration of his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

WHEREAS, our dear friend, Senator Douglas S. Henry, Jr., of Nashville is celebrating his 85th birthday on May 18, 2011, a milestone that is being commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, undoubtedly the most admired and respected member of this body, Senator Douglas S. Henry, Jr., has ably served in the Tennessee State Senate since 1971 and the commencement of the 87<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, having followed in the footsteps of his father, Senator Douglas S. Henry, Sr., who served with distinction in the 65<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 1927-1929 and was the first mayor of Belle Meade; and

WHEREAS, a past president of the Southern Legislative Conference, Senator Henry has safeguarded the finances of the State of Tennessee as a member of the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee since 1977 and has rendered sterling service on countless committees, subcommittees, study committees, task forces, and oversight committees of the General Assembly during his tenure in this august body; and

WHEREAS, the son of Douglas Selph Henry, Sr., and Kathryn Craig Henry, Senator Henry was born in Nashville and attended Parmer Elementary School and Wallace University School in Nashville before graduating from McCallie School in Chattanooga in 1943; and

WHEREAS, a member of this Nation's "Greatest Generation," Douglas Henry proudly served in the United States Army, assigned to Field Artillery during World War II; he was honorably discharged at the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and awarded the Philippine Independence Medal; and

WHEREAS, a proud graduate of Vanderbilt University, Senator Henry received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1947 and earned his LL. B. from Vanderbilt Law School in 1950, just one year after marrying his beloved wife, Loiette Hampton Hume, on June 15, 1949; and

WHEREAS, over time, Doug and Lolly Henry welcomed six devoted children, Emily Olympe, Kathryn Craig, Loiette Hampton, Robert Selph II, Mary Leland, and Douglas Cornelius Hume; a host of wonderful sons-in-law and daughters-in-law; and a measure of truly treasured grandchildren to their ever-expanding family; and

WHEREAS, a true Tennessee treasure and statesman, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding elected officials 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 hereby join with the family and many friends of Senator Douglas Henry, Jr., in celebrating this dedicated public servant's 85th birthday and extend to Senator Henry 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.