

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 63

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Marshal Swafford Sr.  
on the celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> 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, Marshal "Papa" Swafford Sr. will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 17, 2015, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Pikeville community, Mr. Swafford Sr. has lived a blessed life, having experienced firsthand the most eventful and productive years in American history; and

WHEREAS, born in the New Harmony community to Jim and Edwina Swafford, Marshal Swafford Sr. worked on the family farm with his parents, his four brothers, and his two sisters; and

WHEREAS, when he was eight years old, the family moved to Stevenson, Alabama, where he spent much time by the Tennessee River, playing and fishing. The Swaffords moved to Pikeville seven years later; and

WHEREAS, in 1936, Marshal Swafford Sr. met and married Margaret Marie Rothwell, and the couple's blessed union produced five sons, Herbert, Hershaw, Marshal Jr., Wayne, and Willard; and

WHEREAS, Papa Swafford bought a farm and worked on the farm until he reached the age of ninety-five, growing strawberries and vegetables. Later, tomatoes became his main crop, and he was known for his cattle; and

WHEREAS, from 1943 to 1945, he worked at Oak Ridge, where the atomic bomb that was dropped on Japan was developed; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity and a devout Christian, Marshal Swafford is known for his wit and laughter and has countless true friends. His motto is “do unto others as you would have them do unto you”; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Swafford Sr. approaches his eleventh decade, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; 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, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Marshal Swafford Sr. on the celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and extend to him our best wishes for good health, 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.