

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 475

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Captain William Oscar Pointer on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

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

WHEREAS, Captain William Oscar Pointer, United States Air Force, Retired, is celebrating his 100th birthday on February 2, 2016, a milestone that is being commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Ike and Bertha (Byrd) Pointer of Anderson County, Captain Pointer attended Glen Alpine High School and is a 1936 graduate of Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, he taught school in the Briceville community of Anderson County for four years before joining the U.S. Army Air Force in 1940 to proudly serve his country during World War II; and

WHEREAS, as a member of America's greatest generation, Captain Pointer served with the 8th Air Force in England, France, and Germany during World War II and in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, he received twenty-two awards and decorations for his heroic service, including the Korean Presidential and Belgian Croix Deguere citations, and went on to make a career in the Air Force; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from military service, Captain Pointer devoted himself to breeding Tennessee Walking Horses at Horse Haven Farm in Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, he developed a much-deserved reputation as one of the best Tennessee Walking Horse breeders in the United States prior to retiring in 2005 due to health problems; and

WHEREAS, Captain Pointer lived four years in Ocala, Florida, but he eventually became homesick for Tennessee, so in 2010, he relocated to Stones River Manor in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, as he turns 100 years young, he still cherishes the memory of his loved ones who have left this earth for a far better existence, including his parents; his wives, Matilda McKee Pointer and Major Dorothy Laura Myering Pointer; and his siblings, Marie Duncan, Lorene Foust, Lucille Kruszewski, and Fletcher Pointer; and

WHEREAS, Captain Pointer is grateful for the love and support he receives from his son, William McKee Pointer; his granddaughters, Lisa Ann Pointer and Debra Sue Pointer Coate Johnson; his great-granddaughters, Erica Coate, Kaitlin Johnson, and Kristina Johnson; and his brothers, James L. Pointer and Cleve G. Pointer; and

WHEREAS, as he enters his eleventh decade, Captain Pointer remains a Civil War enthusiast and enjoys researching the genealogy of the Pointer family; 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 NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Captain William Oscar Pointer on the occasion of his 100th birthday, thank him for his courageous service in the military, and wish him much continued happiness.

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