

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8027 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Ragan

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Clara Jewel Curd Hall Hughes 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, Clara Jewel Curd Hall Hughes will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 28, 2020, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community, Clara Hall Hughes was born in Oliver Springs, as the third of six children born to Fred Douglas and Lucy Jones Curd; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hall Hughes attended Emory Gap and Kingston Schools and later attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville for two years; and

WHEREAS, Clara Hall Hughes served with acumen and alacrity as a domestic assistant and caregiver for many families; and

WHEREAS, in her exemplary thirty-year tenure with Union Carbide Nuclear Corporation, Mrs. Hall Hughes earned the respect and admiration of her superiors and colleagues alike for the outstanding quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Clara Hall Hughes was also the first black woman to serve as a member of the Y-12 Union Board, serving alongside Paul White and Willie Cale; she took a much-deserved retirement in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Clara Hall Hughes was joined in holy matrimony with Freeman Hall, and they became the parents of one daughter, Rose Lisa Hall; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hall Hughes is the devoted grandmother of four grandchildren, Justina Willis, Lamar Willis, Bonnie Willis, and Freeman Drake, and eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Mrs. Hall Hughes survives two husbands, Freeman Alfred Hall and Franklin Ira Hughes; two brothers; and two sisters, and she enjoys her life journey with her brother, William V. Curd, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, baptized in Tuppertown Creek (Oliver Springs) in 1938, Clara Hall Hughes is a faithfully devoted member of the Little Baptist Church in Oliver Springs, which she has served as a Sunday School teacher and as a member of the choir and the Baptist Young People's Union; and

WHEREAS, a deaconess for more than sixty years, Mrs. Hall Hughes also serves on the church's Decoration Committee and Budget Finance Committee, and she has held the position of treasurer for numerous years; and

WHEREAS, Clara Hall Hughes is an esteemed and long-serving member of the Eastern Star Atomic Chapter 13 of Oak Ridge, Daughter of Isis Almas Court #157, Commandress and Queen of Almas Court, Imperial Deputy of the Oasis of Almas Court, and was the first place winner in the annual Oriental Fashion Show, which was held in Miami, Florida; she is the past treasurer of Keblah Court #57 of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, as Clara Hall Hughes enters her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society; she enjoys canning fresh fruits and vegetables, making jellies and preserves, feeding and watching birds, and serving humanity in any way she can be of some assistance. She is a faithful volunteer for the Oliver Springs Historical Society, where she has remained active since 2009 and holds the esteemed title of Mother of the Mayme Carmichael School Organization, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, fond of travel, Mrs. Hall Hughes has visited all fifty states and several countries; 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Clara Jewel Curd Hall Hughes on the

celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.