

HOUSE RESOLUTION 2

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate James Edward Clemons on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday.

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

WHEREAS, James Edward Clemons will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on February 2, 2019, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of James Michael Clemons and Hallie Mai Huff Clemons, James Clemons was born and raised in Granville with his brother, Jess, and his sister, Minnie Lena; he graduated from Smith County High School in 1948; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Mr. Clemons became a salesman for Kemp Office Equipment in 1955, and he opened Mid-Tenn Office Equipment in Carthage with his business partners, Bill Law and Charles Green, in April 1968; and

WHEREAS, passionate about agriculture from an early age, James Clemons farmed his family farm and was employed by the Soil Conservation Service and the Federal Crop Insurance program; throughout his career and to this day, Mr. Clemons remains a part-time farmer, having operated a farm in the Chestnut Mound community of Smith County since 1967; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemons was raised in Granville United Methodist Church, where he served for fifteen years as superintendent of Sunday school and was a lay leader for many years; in 1967, after moving to Carthage, he became a member of Carthage United Methodist Church, where he has served on the church council and as an usher; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, James Clemons was joined in marriage with Tommie Jean McKinley, and the couple's blessed union produced two children, Randall Clemons and Barry Clemons; he is the proud grandfather of Michael Clemons, Ashley Clemons Jordan, Steven Clemons, and Skyler Tucker Cowan and the doting great-grandfather of Kolby Jordan and Raelynn Cowan; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Clemons approaches his tenth decade, he is still an active and productive member of his community; he has been a member of the Carthage Benevolent Lodge No. 14 since 1957 and the Smith County Shrine Club, of which he has served as ambassador and chairman of the Smith County Shrine Paper Sale, since 1974. He was instrumental in the founding of Granville Museum, where he is a docent, and he currently works as a guide at Sutton Homestead Pioneer Village; 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, that we honor and congratulate James Edward Clemons on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and extend to him 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.