

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1004

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Margaret Dale Dotson Rodgers on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Dale Dotson Rodgers will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 17, 2020, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Dale Dotson was born on March 17, 1920, in Winona, Mississippi, one of Bose D. and Maggie Dotson's four daughters; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1930s, she moved to Memphis for employment opportunities but left a few years later due to familial obligations and moved to Dallas, Texas, where she met her future husband; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 1945, she was joined in marriage with Arthur "Pat" Rodgers, Jr.; a few years later, the couple returned to Tennessee and settled down in Knoxville, where she has remained for over seventy years; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her family, Mrs. Rodgers is the proud mother of Clifford A. Rodgers and Louise R. Frazier; the loving grandmother of Ryan Fogarty, Tyler Fogarty, and Colton Rodgers; and the doting great-grandmother of Phoenix Fogarty, Amaya Fogarty, and Wilder Fogarty; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding chef, Mrs. Rodgers is well known by her community and family alike for her pecan pies and spoonbread; and

WHEREAS, as Margaret D. Rodgers enters her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of the Knoxville community, who is admired for her wisdom, guidance, and generosity; 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Margaret Dale Dotson Rodgers on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

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.