

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mrs. Effie Martin on the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who have observed special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Effie “Nana” Martin celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 15, 2014, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin has lived a rich and blessed life, having experienced first-hand 100 of the most eventful and productive years in American and world history; and

WHEREAS, born July 15, 1914 in Hebron, Ohio, to Calvin and Minnie Arnold, Effie Martin enjoyed a good relationship with her family, including her sister, Edna, and two brothers, William and Lewis, all of whom now rest in God’s loving embrace; and

WHEREAS, like so many proud American women, Mrs. Martin contributed significantly to the war effort during World War II by working at the Farris Tire and Rubber Company, which manufactured parts for Army Air Force bombers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin and her husband, Blaine Martin, lived in Ohio for many years, but in 1953, the Martins fulfilled a lifelong dream when they moved to Miami; sadly, she was widowed in 1954 and left alone to raise her fifteen-year-old son, Richard; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin demonstrated her dedication to public service by serving as a bookkeeper for Dade County, Florida, and as a lifetime member of the VFW Women’s Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, after leaving Florida, she assiduously applied her business acumen by serving as a bookkeeper for two companies in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin moved back to Florida in 1971, and made her home there until 2007, when she moved to Tennessee to be close to her family; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong adherent to the Christian faith, Mrs. Martin belonged to the Methodist Women's Club in Sebastian, Florida, and now worships as a member of Clear Creek Church of Christ in Hixson, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, at 100 years young, she still enjoys sharing time with her family and friends and participating in many activities, including bowling, fishing, gardening, and ultra-competitive card games; she reads voraciously and loves sports, especially her Atlanta Braves and the Tennessee Volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin's warm and friendly spirit is embodied in her gracious smile, which touches the heart of everyone fortunate to know her; she truly cares for all people and all of God's creatures; and

WHEREAS, the matriarch of a large and loving family, Nana is a devoted mother to Ronald, Joann, and Richard; the proud grandmother of Douglas, Luann, Erika, Angela, and Michelle; the loving great-grandmother of Amber, Amanda, Ronnie, Jordan, Blaine, David, and Reese; and the dotting great-great-grandmother of Elianna, Alexandra, Austin, Caleb, and Evan; 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 Effie "Nana" Martin on the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and extend to Mrs. Martin our best wishes for many 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.