

By: Representatives Reynolds, Ellis

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MAGNOLIA J. MITCHELL ON THE OCCASION
2 OF HER 101ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

3 WHEREAS, Magnolia J. Mitchell, of Charleston, Mississippi,
4 born to the late Scott and Ada Jackson, in Yalobusha County,
5 Mississippi, on January 21, 1903, recently celebrated her 101st
6 birthday; and

7 WHEREAS, the eldest of six children, Mrs. Mitchell attended
8 school in the Springhill community east of Riverdale, and obtained
9 an eighth-grade education; and

10 WHEREAS, having grown up in a time when children would go to
11 school on average of approximately three months out of a year,
12 Mrs. Mitchell is grateful that she learned to read and write,
13 which affords her the ability to read her Bible and the newspaper
14 on a daily basis; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell began cooking at the age of five and
16 vividly recalls the wooden block her father cut for use as a step,
17 enabling her to reach the stovetop; and

18 WHEREAS, when she was thirteen years old, Mrs. Mitchell's
19 father passed, leaving her and her older brother to assist their
20 mother in raising the younger children, and at fifteen years of
21 age, she began performing domestic work in the Hardy community for
22 a pay of one dollar per day to help provide for her family; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1925, Mrs. Mitchell married Vellie Mitchell and
24 resided in Yalobusha County, where she continued her domestic work
25 and sharecropping before she gained employment at Camp McCain in
26 Grenada, Mississippi, where she worked in the laundry room during
27 World War I; and

28 WHEREAS, at the age of twenty-eight, Mrs. Mitchell joined
29 Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church in the Leverette community,
30 where she was faithful in service until moving to Tallahatchie
31 County, Mississippi, and uniting in membership with Jerusalem
32 Missionary Baptist Church at Paynes, where she remains an active
33 member; and

34 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell contributes the blessing of her
35 longevity to "prayer and faith" and the loving support of her
36 family and friends; and

37 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
38 and commend such outstanding Mississippians as Mrs. Mitchell,
39 whose life is evidence of living history:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
42 commend and congratulate Mrs. Magnolia J. Mitchell on the occasion
43 of her 101st celebration of life and extend our heartiest wishes
44 for many more years of good health, love, peace, joy and
45 happiness.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
47 furnished to Mrs. Magnolia J. Mitchell and to the members of the
48 Capitol Press Corps.