

By: Representative Warren

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. CLARENCE KING ON THE OCCASION OF
2 HIS 101ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Clarence King of Bassfield, Mississippi, born
4 May 21, 1903, to Abner N. and Margaret Miller King in Jefferson
5 Davis County, Mississippi, will celebrate his 101st birthday on
6 May 21, 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, recalling having walked two miles to school daily at
8 Santee School where he completed the eighth grade, Mr. King farmed
9 a small cotton and cattle farm; and

10 WHEREAS, having never driven before, Mr. King purchased his
11 first car in 1924 for \$300.00 and managed to drive it home from
12 Collins, Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, a true peoples' person, Mr. King often reflected
14 upon his youthful days, declaring to his grandchildren that the
15 automobile is the greatest invention of his lifetime, a mechanism
16 that made the world smaller; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. King married Lavenia Napier on December 27,
18 1931, and together they lived as one in love and in happiness,
19 sharing each others triumphs and sorrows; and

20 WHEREAS, from 1933 to 1945, Mr. King gained the title "the
21 ice man" by delivering ice to the rural areas around Bassfield and
22 Sumrall; and

23 WHEREAS, after World War II, Mr. King ended his career as
24 "the ice man," and began carpentry work along with his farming to
25 provide for his family; and

26 WHEREAS, blessed with three children, Mr. King has enjoyed
27 the support, love and adoration of his family and friends,

28 including daughters, Waudena King Dyess and Bobbie King Boleware;
29 son, Aubrey C. King; eight grandchildren, twelve
30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; and

31 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
32 recognize such outstanding Mississippians as Mr. King, whose
33 longevity is filled with the treasures of wisdom and history and
34 attributable to a healthy living and a fervent faith and belief in
35 God:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
38 commend Mr. Clarence King on the occasion of his 101st birthday
39 celebration and extend our heartiest wishes for many more years of
40 good health, peace and happiness, and an overflowing abundance of
41 joy and love.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
43 furnished to Mr. Clarence King and to the members of the Capitol
44 Press Corps.