

By: Senator(s) Harvey, King

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. VIRGIL ABNER
2 KING OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI, A NATIVE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS
3 COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY.

4 WHEREAS, Virgil Abner King was born to Abner N. and Margaret
5 (Maggie) Miller King in Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, on
6 November 8, 1904; and

7 WHEREAS, Virgil King attended Santee School from the 1st
8 Grade through 8th Grade, then went to Forrest County Agricultural
9 Boarding School and graduated about 1922; and

10 WHEREAS, he married Emma Holliday on January 28, 1928. From
11 this union were two children, Virgil A. King, Jr., and Joyce King
12 Bethany; nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Virgil operated and owned the Ben Franklin stores in
14 Philadelphia and Lexington, Mississippi, until he retired in 1974
15 and he still lives in Lexington; and

16 WHEREAS, the King Family Tree was started by: Richard King
17 from Pennsylvania when he was returning from the Battle of New
18 Orleans during the War of 1812, when he married and settled in the
19 Bassfield area. Richard was born in 1795 and died in 1875; his
20 son, John M. King, was born in 1836 and died in 1905; his son,
21 Abner N. King, was born in 1868 and died in 1917; and

22 WHEREAS, this family icon has witnessed many historic events
23 during his lifetime, including the invention of the automobile by
24 Henry Ford, the Wright Brothers' first airplane flight and man's
25 walk on the moon; and

26 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize such outstanding
27 Mississippians as Mr. King, whose longevity is filled with

28 treasures of wisdom and history and attributable to healthy
29 living, hard work, respect for his fellowman and strong religious
30 convictions:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
32 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Virgil
33 Abner King on the occasion of his 100th birthday and extend our
34 heartfelt wishes for many more years of good health, peace,
35 happiness and an overflowing abundance of love and joy.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
37 Mr. King, his children, and be made available to the Capitol Press
38 Corps.