

By: Senator(s) Harvey

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. CLARENCE KING
2 OF JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS
3 101ST BIRTHDAY.

4 WHEREAS, Clarence King was born to Abner N. and Margaret
5 (Maggie) Miller King in Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, on
6 May 21, 1903, one of 8 children; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. King walked 2 miles each day to Santee School
8 and completed the 8th grade; and

9 WHEREAS, he farmed a small cotton and cattle farm, and
10 purchased his first car in 1924 for \$300.00. He had never driven
11 before he bought his car, but he managed to drive it home from
12 Collins, Mississippi. He tells his grandchildren the automobile
13 is the greatest invention in his lifetime. He said it made the
14 world smaller; and

15 WHEREAS, he married Lavenia Napier on December 27, 1931, and
16 they have 3 children: Waudena King Dyess, Aubrey C. King and
17 Bobbie King Boleware; 8 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and
18 3 great-great-grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, from 1933 until 1945, he delivered ice to the rural
20 area around Bassfield and Sumrall, Mississippi. He became known
21 as the "ice man"; and

22 WHEREAS, after World War II, refrigeration ended his career
23 of delivering ice. He then began work as a carpenter, along with
24 his work as a farmer; and

25 WHEREAS, this family icon has witnessed many historic events
26 during his lifetime, including the invention of the automobile by

27 Henry Ford, the Wright Brothers' first airplane flight and man's
28 first walk on the moon; and

29 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize such outstanding
30 Mississippians as Mr. Clarence King, whose longevity is filled
31 with treasures of wisdom and history and attributable to healthy
32 living, hard work, respect for his fellowman and strong religious
33 convictions:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
35 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr.
36 Clarence King on the occasion of his 101st birthday and extend the
37 Senate's wishes for many more years of good health, peace,
38 happiness and an overflowing abundance of love and joy.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
40 Mr. King and his family and be made available to the Capitol Press
41 Corps.