

By: Representatives Sykes, Straughter

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LONGEVITY OF MRS.
2 BEATRICE WHITE ROOTS AND CONGRATULATING HER ON CELEBRATING THE
3 OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY ON JANUARY 28, 2018.

4 WHEREAS, born January 28, 1918, in Yazoo County, Mississippi,
5 Mrs. Beatrice White Roots, a precious gift of life and love,
6 celebrates the most auspicious occasion of the 100th anniversary
7 of her birth on Sunday, January 28, 2018, with her family and
8 friends in acknowledgment of her motherhood and service; and

9 WHEREAS, from her humble beginnings in rural Yazoo and
10 Humphreys Counties, Mrs. Roots, who was educated at the Humphreys
11 County Training School in Louise, Mississippi, was raised on a
12 system of integrity premised on the tenets of love, kindness and
13 compassion imparted by her parents who instilled a central moral
14 compass that echoed the heart of the Good Samaritan and core
15 ethical values encompassed in the importance of work, family,
16 community and the love of God; and

17 WHEREAS, known for her kindness and willingness to assist
18 others, Mrs. Roots has devoted her life to the fulfillment of the



19 role of providing for her family and supplementing the family
20 income as a domestic worker, childcare provider and seamstress
21 with an eye for beauty and an impeccable skill that produced
22 high-end fashion garments in the form of suits, dresses,
23 bridesmaid attire and wedding gowns; and

24 WHEREAS, a God-fearing Christian before all other roles she
25 assumed, a devoted wife and nurturing mother and grandmother, Mrs.
26 Roots, whose mantra is "Do a job well or not at all," is the
27 living embodiment of a woman of Proverbs 31:10 distinction and
28 possessing the ambitious spirit akin to that of King David, she is
29 a woman after God's own heart, committed to her faith, her family
30 and her friends, being an upstanding pillar of the community as
31 evidenced through her faithful membership of Christ Temple
32 Holiness Church for more than half a century, where she has
33 diligently served as a Sunday School teacher, Youth Department
34 leader, Women's Mission leader and a member of the choir; and

35 WHEREAS, as fate would lend itself to the building upon the
36 blueprint divinely designed for the pattern of her life by the
37 Great Deity and grand architect of our lives' design, the former
38 Ms. White's heart was pierced by the love, chivalry and affection
39 of Mr. Eugene Roots, and the duo became bone of one another's bone
40 and flesh of one another's flesh after exchanging the nuptials of
41 holy matrimony on November 9, 1941, building a lifetime of
42 memories to be shared with the fruitful addition of their
43 offspring and sharing in life's momentous occasions; and



44 WHEREAS, keen on the aptitude for educational and cultural
45 acumen, Mrs. Roots, who was not afforded the opportunity to attend
46 college herself, but maintained an active presence in the academic
47 pursuits of her children through her zealous involvement in the
48 Parent Teacher Association, emphasized the importance of education
49 and the successes that accompany a heightened intellectual
50 foundation to her children, who are proud professionals as an
51 elementary educator, an allied healthcare cytotechnologist and a
52 doctor of dental surgery; and

53 WHEREAS, the matriarch of her family dynasty, Mrs. Roots
54 remains the archetype icon and central foundation of a family that
55 retains an unbreakable bond of love, honor, devotion, commitment
56 and encouragement for each generation; and

57 WHEREAS, at 100 years of age, Mrs. Roots continues to be a
58 blessing to others through her impartation of words of Christian
59 advice and wise counsel to those in her company as a reminder of
60 God's unfailing love for us all, and continues to enjoy the
61 affection, appreciation, encouragement, love and respect she has
62 always stood in receipt of from her children and their progeny;
63 and

64 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the
65 life of such a remarkable individual as Mrs. Roots, who still
66 exudes the gentle strength that has sustained her throughout this
67 journey, and whose life is a testament to God's promise of
68 longevity to those who diligently seek Him and obey His will:



69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
70 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
71 commend the life and longevity of Mrs. Beatrice White Roots,
72 congratulate her on this most auspicious occasion of celebrating
73 her 100th birthday on January 28, 2018, and express sincere wishes
74 for many more years of continued health, love, joy and happiness.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
76 furnished to Mrs. Beatrice White Roots and to the members of the
77 Capitol Press Corps.

