

By: Senator(s) Barnett, Horhn, Jackson
(32nd), McMahan, Witherspoon, Seymour

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE GREETINGS OF THE MISSISSIPPI
2 SENATE TO MRS. SALLIE MAE COOLEY OF JASPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ON
3 THE OCCASION OF HER 109TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sallie Mae Cooley was born on December 8, 1908.
5 She celebrated her 109th Birthday surrounded by family and friends
6 on December 8, 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, Sallie Mae Cooley was born to the union of George
8 and Nan McDonald in Clark County. She is loved by her nine
9 siblings: Arthur, Eddie, Lee, Cleavend, Mattie McDonald, Annie
10 Moses, Geneva Sanders, Verlee Dase, and Polly McDonald. At an
11 early age, Sallie married her devoted husband, Willie Simmons, who
12 preceded her in death. To this union eight children were born:
13 Ezra Simmons (Rosella), Jessie McCarty (John), Adra Fortner
14 (Kearney), Corine McGill (Tommie Lee), Bernice Jones (Cornelius),
15 Winnie Perkins (Eddie), Kathalee Simmons, and Kathaleen Simmons.
16 Later in life, she married Curtis Cooley who also preceded her in
17 death; and



18 WHEREAS, at a young age Sallie was baptized at Shady Grove
19 Missionary Baptist Church. She was educated at Rocky Hill in
20 Clarke County. Mrs. Cooley has served, is still serving and will
21 continue to be a servant of the Lord in many ways: Sallie serves
22 as an Usher, Choir Member and Member of the Sunday School Class
23 No. 7 for Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church; Baptist Training
24 Union (BTU) Youth Teacher; Treasurer of the Sunday School Council;
25 faithful Member of East Jasper Women Mission Institute; Treasurer
26 of the Herione of Jericho Court 304; Member of the Jasper County
27 Homemaker Club; feed, help and pray for the sick and shut-in; and
28 Home Caretaker; and

29 WHEREAS, it is indeed an honor and pleasure to join her
30 family to announce the many things Mrs. Cooley has done in her
31 lifetime, but some of the most important jobs well done came in
32 the form of personality, character, and spirit and the accolades
33 go on and on that she has instilled in her family; and

34 WHEREAS, as family, friends, community and officials gather
35 to recognize Mrs. Sallie Mae Cooley on her 109th Birthday, we
36 salute a mother of eight children; grandmother of 19 children;
37 great-grandmother of 36 children; great-great-grandmother of 58
38 children; and great-great-great-grandmother of 16 children as God
39 continues to bless her with longevity and many more blessed and
40 joyous days to come; and

41 WHEREAS, Sallie Mae was born when Theodore Roosevelt was
42 President of the United States of America and Edmond Noel was



43 Governor of the State of Mississippi. Mrs. Cooley's life has
44 spanned the administrations of 19 United States Presidents and 27
45 Mississippi Governors from Edmond Noel to Phil Bryant. This
46 family icon has witnessed many historic events during her
47 lifetime, including the invention of the automobile by Henry Ford,
48 the Wright Brothers' first airplane flight, and man's walk on the
49 moon:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the greetings of the
52 Mississippi Senate to Mrs. Sallie Mae Cooley of Jasper County,
53 Mississippi, on the occasion of her 109th Birthday Celebration,
54 and our best wishes on this auspicious occasion.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
56 Mrs. Cooley and her family and made available to the Capitol Press
57 Corps.

