

By: Representative Rushing

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MRS. JOYCE
2 ISABELLE GREEN HARRISON UPON THE OCCASION OF HER 102ND BIRTHDAY.

3 WHEREAS, on March 18, 1920, the world was blessed with the
4 birth of Mrs. Joyce Isabelle Green Harrison, and decades later,
5 upon the auspicious occasion of her 102nd birthday, she continues
6 to shower those around her with unconditional love and support;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the daughter of Charles Green and Carrie Roebuck
9 Green, and the sister of Tom Green, Fairra Green and Novella Pugh,
10 Mrs. Joyce Isabelle Green Harrison and her family grew up on a
11 family farm in Jasper County, Mississippi, in the Ras Community,
12 and not only survived the Great Depression, but also found time to
13 enjoy each other, their church and music and to value education;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, after graduating from Penantly School in 1938, Mrs.
16 Harrison enrolled in Jones Junior College and later the University
17 of Southern Mississippi, where she majored in home economics and



18 minored in chemistry, and she began her illustrious teaching
19 career and lifetime of selfless public service in 1943; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harrison is a woman of uncompromised faith that
21 she learned by the strong example of her mother and father, and
22 she has continuously demonstrated her faith and devout commitment
23 to Jesus Christ throughout her life, especially through her
24 membership with Ephesus Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday
25 School for many years and furnished floral arrangements for
26 numerous church activities; and

27 WHEREAS, in 1945, while teaching at Ringgold School in Scott
28 County, Mississippi, Mrs. Harrison met the love of her life, a
29 handsome soldier who had just returned from World War II, Mr.
30 Charles Maurice Harrison, and the duo exchanged the vows of holy
31 matrimony with the sweet words "I do," in 1946, completing their
32 family unit with the addition of five children, their first son,
33 who died at childbirth, Dr. Charles L. Harrison and wife Sherrod
34 Sims Harrison, William A. (Bill) Harrison (deceased) and wife
35 Andrea Sparks Harrison, Dan M. Harrison (deceased) and wife
36 Frankie Usry Harrison, and Tommy A. Harrison and wife Wanda
37 Latham; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren; and

38 WHEREAS, after marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison moved to
39 Petal, Mississippi, where she continued to teach school and he
40 pursued a degree at the University of Southern Mississippi, and
41 throughout their professional lives, they worked in several public



42 schools where he was a coach and school administrator and she
43 taught home economics and chemistry; and

44 WHEREAS, the Harrisons made their family home in Forest,
45 Mississippi, and lived a very blissful life together until Mr.
46 Harrison's untimely death in October 1978, and she continued to
47 teach until her retirement in 1983, at which time she had
48 dedicated 40 years of service to Mississippi's public schools; and

49 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harrison has always cared deeply for the needs
50 of those around her and truly become a community treasure, earning
51 the love and respect of every person who has had the opportunity
52 to meet her and experience her greatness; and

53 WHEREAS, for the past 102 years, Mrs. Joyce Isabelle Green
54 Harrison has survived two pandemics, cancer, a poisonous snake
55 bite and the task of raising four boys, but through it all, she
56 has undoubtedly inspired her family and friends, greeting everyone
57 she meets with a million-watt smile that could illuminate even the
58 darkest day, and her children, grandchildren and
59 great-grandchildren love her tremendously and revere her as the
60 wonderful mother and grandmother she truly is; and

61 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
62 recognize and honor the lives of Mississippi's wisest generation,
63 especially those such as Mrs. Joyce Isabelle Green Harrison on the
64 occasion of her 102nd birthday, for being a gracious woman who
65 always puts others before herself and loves her family and friends



66 unconditionally, bringing glory and honor to the State of
67 Mississippi:

68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
69 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
70 commend and congratulate Mrs. Joyce Isabelle Green Harrison upon
71 the occasion of her 102nd birthday and extend sincere wishes for
72 her happiness on such a momentous occurrence.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
74 furnished to Mrs. Harrison and to the members of the Capitol Press
75 Corps.

