

By: Representative Kinkade

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 73

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. CLAUDE THOMAS  
2 "BUDDY" TERRELL, JR., UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS 99TH BIRTHDAY.

3 WHEREAS, on February 14, 1924, the world was blessed with the  
4 birth of Mr. Claude Thomas "Buddy" Terrell, Jr., and decades  
5 later, upon the auspicious occasion of his 99th birthday, he  
6 continues to shower those around him with unconditional love and  
7 support; and

8 WHEREAS, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7,  
9 1941, Buddy was consumed with an altruistic desire to defend and  
10 protect his country against the horrendous Axis Powers, so on  
11 December 17, 1941, at 17 years old, he joined an illustrious group  
12 of seamen in the United States Navy who were dedicated to  
13 providing freedom for all the citizens of the United States of  
14 America; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Terrell served as a Gunner's Mate, 3rd class,  
16 and throughout the war, he never wavered in valor, strength, and  
17 fortitude as he traveled to many ports in the world on various  
18 ships while performing convoy duty and submarine warfare; and



19 WHEREAS, after facilitating victory for the United States in  
20 World War II, he shifted from an invaluable seaman to a priceless  
21 contributor to his community and continued his heroic efforts as  
22 he worked with the Memphis Fire Department and retired as a  
23 Captain in 1980; and

24 WHEREAS, in August 1946, Mr. Terrell exchanged the vows of  
25 holy matrimony with the love of his life, Mrs. Laura Christine  
26 "Chris" Gary Terrell, and the blissful union produced four  
27 beautiful children; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Terrell, who was born in Corinth, Mississippi,  
29 but grew up in Memphis, Tennessee, lives in Olive Branch,  
30 Mississippi, and truly enjoys spending time with family, including  
31 his six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

32 WHEREAS, for the past 99 years, Mr. Claude Thomas "Buddy"  
33 Terrell, Jr., has undoubtedly inspired his family and friends by  
34 demonstrating to them what it means to be a great American, and  
35 his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren love him  
36 tremendously and revere him as the hero and wonderful father and  
37 grandfather he truly is; and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
39 recognize and honor the lives of Mississippi's wisest generation,  
40 especially those such as Mr. Claude Thomas "Buddy" Terrell, Jr.,  
41 on the occasion of his 99th birthday, for heroically and  
42 selflessly serving the United States of America and providing the



43 freedoms she enjoys today, bringing glory and honor to the State  
44 of Mississippi:

45       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
47 commend and congratulate Mr. Claude Thomas "Buddy" Terrell, Jr.,  
48 upon the occasion of his 99th birthday and extend sincere wishes  
49 for his happiness on such a momentous occurrence.

50       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
51 furnished to Mr. Claude Thomas "Buddy" Terrell, Jr., and to the  
52 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

