

By: Representative Currie

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN,
2 MR. L.C. JACKSON, ON THE OUTSTANDING OCCASION OF HIS 100TH
3 BIRTHDAY.

4 WHEREAS, on March 8, 1923, the world was blessed with the
5 birth of Mr. L.C. Jackson, and a century later, upon the
6 auspicious occasion of his 100th birthday, we celebrate his life
7 and legacy of incredible service to the United States of America
8 in World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, born to Mr. George and Mrs. Caroline Jackson, in
10 Minter City, Mississippi, Mr. Jackson was the fourth child born of
11 seven children, and he attended school in Glendora, Mississippi;
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13 WHEREAS, in 1942, Mr. Jackson enlisted in the United States
14 Army, serving during a time when the military was still
15 segregated, and he completed basic training in Indiantown Gap,
16 Pennsylvania, as a truck driver, and afterwards he was sent
17 overseas to the Philippines, and then to Okinawa, Japan; and



18 WHEREAS, for his exceptional service, Mr. Jackson received
19 the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon, Army of Occupation
20 Ribbon, Japan Victory Ribbon, two Overseas Service Bars, a Rifle
21 Marksmanship Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal, and he was
22 honorably discharged at Fort Sam, Houston, Texas, on November 25,
23 1946, and returned to Glendora, Mississippi; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson then moved to Chicago, Illinois, where
25 he met Bernice, and the couple were blessed with three children,
26 and he was employed with Greyhound Bus for two years, and was also
27 employed for 31 years with the U.S. Postal Service; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson then moved to Brookhaven, Mississippi,
29 and was employed for two years at the Brookhaven Sanitation
30 Department, and he met Maxine in 1977, and they exchanged the vows
31 of holy matrimony in 1980; and

32 WHEREAS, dedicated to his faith, Mr. Jackson is a Deacon at
33 Hopewell Baptist Church in Brookhaven, and he will celebrate his
34 100th birthday with his children, Ruben Jackson, Caroline Jackson
35 and Bobby Dixon; and

36 WHEREAS, conveying the totality of Mr. Jackson's life
37 experiences and legacy requires more words than imaginable, as his
38 life encompasses 17 United States presidents, the Wall Street
39 crashing in 1929, the 1930s Dust Bowl, World War II, Jackie
40 Robinson and the integration of professional baseball, the Korean
41 War, the Civil Rights Movement, the assassination of Malcolm X and



42 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., America's 200th birthday, the first
43 African-American president, and many other historical events; and

44 WHEREAS, at the time when the world would ask ordinary men to
45 do extraordinary things, Mr. Jackson selflessly answered the call
46 of duty as a member of the Greatest Generation, and he is
47 certainly a true American hero, and the State of Mississippi
48 honors him for his sacrifice and is grateful for his service; and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
50 honor remarkable Mississippi heroes, especially those such as Mr.
51 Jackson, who has witnessed a century of historic events and has
52 his own 100-year tale of a life well lived, and who serves as an
53 inspiration to all Mississippians:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
56 recognize and honor Mr. L.C. Jackson upon the outstanding occasion
57 of his 100th birthday, as he proudly accepts his newfound
58 membership and induction into the Centenarian Club, and express
59 our most sincere wishes for continued health, joy, peace and
60 prosperity for years to come.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
62 furnished to Mr. L.C. Jackson, and to the members of the Capitol
63 Press Corps.

