

By: Representative Carpenter

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 114

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MRS. DORA LUCILLE
2 MARTIN DEXTER UPON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

3 WHEREAS, on March 26, 1923, the world was blessed with the
4 birth of Mrs. Dora Lucille Martin Dexter, and decades later, upon
5 the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday, she continues to
6 shower those around her with unconditional love and support; and

7 WHEREAS, affectionately known to all as MawMaw Dexter, Mrs.
8 Dexter was born to Clarence Martin, Sr., and Ruth Yarber Martin,
9 and was the oldest of her three siblings, Clarence (brother)
10 Martin, Jr., Mack Lloyd Martin and Diane Martin Lomenick, who have
11 all sadly passed away; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dexter attended Snowdown School in Iuka,
13 Mississippi, and after she graduated from the 8th grade at
14 Snowdown, she attended Iuka Separate School through the 11th
15 grade; and

16 WHEREAS, the love and affection of Dora Lucille Martin
17 pierced the heart and soul of Mr. Clinton Dexter, and the two
18 lovebirds exchanged the vows of holy matrimony on April 21, 1939,



19 and completed their family unit with the addition of four
20 children, Randy Dexter, Donna Dexter Hudson, Danny Dexter and
21 Kristy Dexter Hudson (deceased); seven grandchildren; and 13
22 great-grandchildren, and after 74 wonderful years of marriage, Mr.
23 Dexter passed away on November 25, 2013; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dexter worked for Genesco Shoe Company in Iuka
25 for 10 years, and after leaving Genesco, she began babysitting for
26 some of her grandchildren, and because of her incredibly nurturing
27 spirit and loving heart, she began her babysitting career for many
28 children in Iuka that spanned years and years, thus acquiring the
29 loving nickname of MawMaw Dexter; and

30 WHEREAS, in addition to caring for children, Mrs. Dexter, who
31 loves flowers very much, has always had a big garden full of
32 beautiful, colorful blooms, much to her son's dismay, as her
33 intricate garden designs and flower beds make it very difficult
34 for him to mow the yard; and

35 WHEREAS, to this day, Mrs. Dexter enjoys canning the fruits
36 and vegetables of any garden produce that she receives and giving
37 the cans to her family and friends, but her most favorite thing to
38 do is cook and bake for her family, and two of her most requested
39 cakes that she bakes from scratch are strawberry and Italian cream
40 cakes, and she still cooks Sunday lunch and loves when all of her
41 family can be together; and

42 WHEREAS, her other hobbies include embroidering quilt blocks,
43 pillow cases, scarves and other items, reading and working word



44 puzzles, and being an active member of the Hot Dotz Bunco Group,
45 where she plays Bunco once a month and is known as the Bunco
46 Queen, and she still goes to the beauty salon every week to make
47 sure her hair is in tip top shape; and

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

52 WHEREAS, the only thing stronger than Mrs. Dexter is Mrs.
53 Dexter's faith in God, and during the past century, through her
54 faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, she has survived the
55 Great Depression, the pandemic, cancer, and raising her children
56 and a lot of other children in Iuka, and through it all, she has
57 remained an inspiration to her family and friends, as her
58 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren love her
59 tremendously and revere her as the wonderful mother and
60 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. Dora Lucille Martin Dexter on the
64 occasion of her 100th 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. Dora Lucille Martin Dexter upon the
71 occasion of her 100th birthday and extend sincere wishes for her
72 happiness on such a momentous occurrence.

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

