

By: Representatives Lott, Barton, Burch

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. WILLIAM  
2 JARRELL, A WORLD WAR II NAVY VETERAN, UPON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS  
3 100TH BIRTHDAY.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. William Jarrell, a vibrant member of the  
5 Greatest Generation and a World War II Navy veteran, is being  
6 honored upon the monumental occasion and celebration of his 100th  
7 birthday; and

8 WHEREAS, a resident of Escatawpa, Mississippi, which is  
9 located in south Mississippi, Mr. Jarrell was born in 1924, and  
10 grew up in the Great Depression and was reared in love, along with  
11 his three younger deceased sisters; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Jarrell, at the age of 18, enlisted in the  
13 United States Navy in 1942 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and after  
14 receiving basic training in San Diego, he was assigned as a  
15 firefighter on the brand new USS Independence, which was a light  
16 aircraft carrier that shot down Japanese aircrafts in the Pacific  
17 Ocean; and



18           WHEREAS, while Mr. Jarrell served this great country on the  
19 USS Independence, the ship was struck by a torpedo during a  
20 counterattack on November 20, 1943, in which 17 of his shipmates  
21 were killed, but due to his courageous actions he was able to help  
22 save many lives on the ship; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. Jarrell was able to return home to Mississippi  
24 during a two-week break at which time he married before returning  
25 for his second launch of service; and

26           WHEREAS, Mr. Jarell, during his second launch, participated  
27 in night carrier operations in which the USS Independence's  
28 attacks on the Philippines with the Pacific fleet would help  
29 dismantle the Japanese Navy; and

30           WHEREAS, Mr. Jarell served five and a half years in the  
31 military, and after his service, he planted roots in George  
32 County, Mississippi, with his family, which included his late  
33 wife, who passed away in 2014, Rosie Mae, and their children:  
34 Peggy, Dennie, Carol, Patsy, Anthony, Rhonda, Patricia and Rickie;  
35 and

36           WHEREAS, Mr. Jarell credits staying busy and working as the  
37 keys to his longevity, and notably, he learned his strong work  
38 ethic from his father, who he celebrates as a good worker who  
39 started each day at 4:00 a.m., and as such, he continues to carry  
40 out his father's staunch work ethic throughout his favored life;  
41 and



42           WHEREAS, in addition to working and staying busy, Mr. Jarrell  
43 also credits living a good life and eating right as the other keys  
44 to his longevity, and as such, he still grows and cans his own  
45 crops, tomatoes being his favorite, and is able to enjoy as well  
46 as share the fruits of his labor throughout the year; and

47           WHEREAS, Mr. Jarell, in addition to gardening, builds his own  
48 specialty yard furniture and receives great joy by going to his  
49 workshop and building swings, chairs, benches and other yard  
50 furniture without any plans, and notably, he built over 100 pieces  
51 of furniture in one year, while in his late 90s, which is a  
52 beautiful testament of his innate building skills and continued  
53 ability to execute his crafts; and

54           WHEREAS, in addition to still being active, Mr. Jarell is  
55 blessed to have his cognitive abilities and is treasured by his  
56 family and many others who honor and respect him as he shares  
57 stories of his rich life and service to this great country; and

58           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
59 honor a special Mississippi centenarian upon the celebration of  
60 his 100th birthday such as Mr. William Jarrell whose contributions  
61 through his selfless military service in World War II has helped  
62 to ensure that freedom will continue to ring, and thus his service  
63 to this great nation will be forever treasured for generations to  
64 come:

65           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
66 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby



67 commend and congratulate Mr. William Jarrell upon the celebration  
68 of his 100th birthday as well upon his valiant military service  
69 during World War II, and wish him many more years of peace, health  
70 and longevity.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
72 furnished to Mr. William Jarrell and to the members of the Capitol  
73 Press Corps.

