

By: Representatives Remak, Carpenter

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 104

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING MR. K.T. ROBBINS FOR HIS
2 EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES IN WORLD WAR II, AND
3 MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY.

4 WHEREAS, born July 4, 1921, in Union County, Mississippi, Mr.
5 K.T. Robbins courageously served his country during World War II,
6 and is truly an outstanding inspiration to all; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins grew up working the farm with his
8 parents, and in 1939, he left the farm and high school to
9 voluntarily join the United States Army, where he valiantly served
10 in the 26th Infantry, 21st Division; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins entered the Army as Infantry, completed
12 his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was later
13 assigned to lead a Bakery Division, where he moved between France,
14 Iceland, England and Germany, serving under Patton's 3rd Army; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins was WWII, D-Day + 3 Normandy; entering
16 through Utah Beach, and he sat on his ship in the ocean, waiting
17 his turn and watching as fellow soldiers stormed the beaches of



18 Normandy ahead of him, and there were 800 ships waiting there off
19 the Normandy shore; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins has recounted hearing the guns, seeing
21 the large explosions from the fighting on the beach, and as his
22 company drove their trucks of equipment off the ship, onto the
23 beach at Normandy, the ocean water was coming into their trucks,
24 and the beach was a terrible site from the battle just fought; and

25 WHEREAS, they advanced about 20 miles inland, and spent the
26 night, sleeping on the ground under some trees, and this is where
27 Mr. Robbins joined Patton's 3rd Army, and while stationed in Metz,
28 France, he met a young French girl and fell in love, but their
29 time together was short and the Army soon moved him quickly to
30 other locations, and then returned him to the United States in
31 1945; and

32 WHEREAS, without today's technology of computers and cell
33 phones, the young lovers did not hear from one another for 75
34 years; and

35 WHEREAS, upon returning to the United States, Mr. Robbins met
36 and married Mrs. Lillian Robbins, and they started Robbins
37 Hardware Store, where they worked side by side for 35 years; and

38 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Robbins moved to Olive Branch,
39 Mississippi, in 1970, where they built their house, and he was
40 also instrumental in securing the land and the building of
41 Longview Baptist Church, where he still faithfully attends; and



42 WHEREAS, things were different a few years ago, and Mr.
43 Robbins attended some business courses at Ole Miss, though he had
44 never completed high school, but always wished he had; and

45 WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins was on schedule to graduate from
46 Hurricane High School in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in 1942,
47 but he joined the war effort instead, but 75 years later, at the
48 age of 96, he got his wish, and he earned his high school degree
49 from DeSoto County Schools in 2017; and

50 WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins and Lillian were married for 70 years
51 before God called her home, and several years after her passing,
52 he became involved with a veteran's organization called Forever
53 Young Veterans, and this nonprofit organization, among other
54 things, returns veterans to where they served, allowing the
55 veterans to see that their service did make a difference in other
56 lives and helped to heal many wounds for these men and women; and

57 WHEREAS, in 2019, Forever Young returned Mr. Robbins to
58 Normandy for the 75th anniversary of D-Day with 14 other WWII
59 veterans, and there, he saw the beautiful country that France is
60 now, where his memories had been of a war-torn country full of
61 death and tragedy; and

62 WHEREAS, it was on this trip that, Mr. Robbins was reunited
63 with his first love from all those years ago, thanks to Forever
64 Young Veterans and French TV reporter, Agnes Vahramian; and

65 WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins continues to live in Olive Branch in the
66 home that he and Lillian built, and today, at 102 years of age, he



67 continues to serve God, his church, his community and neighbors,
68 and he is a great example to all who know him; and

69 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
70 recognize and honor great, heroic Mississippians, especially those
71 such as Mr. Robbins, whose selfless service to his country and
72 devotion to his faith brings honor to the State of Mississippi and
73 to the United States of America:

74 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
75 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
76 honor and commend Mr. K.T. Robbins for his extraordinary service
77 to the United States in World War II, and many contributions to
78 his community, and extend best wishes for continued success in all
79 his future endeavors.

80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
81 furnished to Mr. K.T. Robbins, and to the members of the Capitol
82 Press Corps.

