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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 95

1 A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE LEGACY OF WWII, D-DAY+3 NORMANDY  
 2 VETERAN KT ROBBINS OF OLIVE BRANCH, MISSISSIPPI, AND THANKING HIM  
 3 FOR HIS SERVICE.

4 WHEREAS, it is with great respect that we remember the  
 5 military service of KT Robbins of Olive Branch, Mississippi, who  
 6 landed with his amphibious force on Utah Beach in Normandy,  
 7 France, on June 9, 1944, three days after D-Day in World War II;  
 8 and

9 WHEREAS, KT Robbins was born on July 4, 1921, in Union  
 10 County, Mississippi, where he grew up working the farm with his  
 11 parents. He left the farm and high school in 1939 to voluntarily  
 12 join the U.S. Army. He was in the 26th Infantry, 21st Division.  
 13 He entered the Army as Infantry, and completed his basic training  
 14 at Fort Benning, Georgia. KT was later assigned to lead a Bakery  
 15 Division, where he moved between France, Iceland, England and  
 16 Germany, serving under Patton's 3rd Army during WWII; and



17           WHEREAS, the following describes his Normandy and post-war  
18 service: KT landed on D-Day+3 in Normandy, entering through Utah  
19 Beach. He waited onboard the ship for his turn, as he watched his  
20 fellow soldiers storm the beaches of Normandy ahead of him. There  
21 were 800 ships waiting off the Normandy shore. He talks about  
22 hearing guns and seeing the large explosions from the fighting on  
23 the beach. As his company drove their trucks of equipment off the  
24 ship, onto the beach at Normandy, the ocean water came into their  
25 trucks. The beach was a terrible sight from the battle just  
26 fought. His company advanced about 20 miles inland and spent the  
27 night, sleeping on the ground under trees. Here they joined  
28 Patton's 3rd Army; and

29           WHEREAS, while stationed in Metz, France, he met a young  
30 French girl and fell in love. Sadly, their time together was  
31 short, and the Army soon moved him quickly to other locations,  
32 then returned him to the USA in 1945. Without today's ability to  
33 easily connect through technology, the couple heartbreakingly lost  
34 touch for 75 years; and

35           WHEREAS, upon returning to America, he met and married his  
36 love, Lillian, and they started Robbins Hardware Store, where he  
37 and Lillian worked side by side for 35 years. KT and Lillian  
38 moved to Olive Branch in 1970 where they built their house. Then  
39 he was instrumental in securing the land and the building of  
40 Longview Baptist Church, where he still faithfully attends; and



41           WHEREAS, KT always wished he had completed high school, so 75  
42 years later, at the age of 96 he got his wish. He was on schedule  
43 to graduate from Hurricane High School in Pontotoc County in 1942,  
44 but joined the war effort instead. Then he later earned his high  
45 school degree from DeSoto County schools in 2017; and

46           WHEREAS, KT and Lillian were married for 70 years before God  
47 called her home. Several years after the death of Lillian, KT  
48 became involved with a veteran's organization called Forever Young  
49 Veterans. This nonprofit organization, among other things,  
50 returns veterans to the destinations where they served, allowing  
51 them to see that their service did make a difference and to help  
52 to heal many wounds for these veterans; and

53           WHEREAS, in 2019, Forever Young returned KT and 14 other WWII  
54 Veterans to Normandy for the 75th anniversary of D-Day. There, he  
55 saw the beautiful country France has become, replacing his  
56 memories of a war-torn country full of death and tragedy. It was  
57 on this trip that, thanks to Forever Young Veterans and French TV  
58 reporter, Agnes Vahramian, he was reunited with his first love  
59 from all those years ago; and

60           WHEREAS, KT continues to live in Olive Branch in the home  
61 that he and Lillian built. Today, at 102 years of age, KT  
62 continues to serve his God, his church, his community and  
63 neighbors and his country. He serves as a great example to all  
64 who know him; and



65           WHEREAS, his legacy is a strong and free America, and for his  
66 WWII service as part of the "Greatest Generation" and a lifetime  
67 of selfless contributions, a grateful state thanks him:

68           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
69 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby remember the legacy of WWII,  
70 D-Day+3 Normandy Veteran KT Robbins of Olive Branch, Mississippi,  
71 and thank him for his service and extend to KT and his family the  
72 best wishes of the Senate for future happiness.

73           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
74 KT Robbins and his family, forwarded to Forever Young Veterans and  
75 be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

