

By: Representative Barton

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. JAMES ARTHUR TROCHESSET ON THE  
2 AUSPICIOUS AND BLESSED OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY.

3 WHEREAS, it is written in 3 John 1:2 "Beloved, I pray that  
4 you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul  
5 prospers" and on February 9, 2025, Mr. James Arthur Trochesset,  
6 will continue to realize this promise of health and prosperity  
7 when he becomes a member of the very special Centenarian Club on  
8 the auspicious occasion of his 100th birthday; and

9 WHEREAS, born on February 9, 1925, as one of eleven children  
10 to Paul and Katie Trochesset, he grew up surrounded by love and  
11 brothers who were passionate about service to their country; and

12 WHEREAS, immediately after graduating from D'Iberville High  
13 School in 1942, James tried to follow in his brothers' footsteps  
14 by attempting to join the Navy, but, much to his disappointment,  
15 the Navy would not allow him to join because he was only seventeen  
16 years old, so James returned home to work at Woolworths until his  
17 eighteenth birthday; and



18 WHEREAS, at that time, his brothers, Eric, Earl and RV, had  
19 joined the Navy, and his brother, Harold, was in the Coast Guard;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, as soon as he turned 18, James jumped at the chance  
22 to sign up for the draft by trying to join the Navy again, but was  
23 told the Navy was not taking new recruits; and

24 WHEREAS, driven by his passion to serve his country, James  
25 joined the Merchant Marines and spent four years sailing around  
26 the world on several different ships during World War II; and

27 WHEREAS, he enjoyed his time as an Able Bodied Seaman (ABS)  
28 and made fond memories during his time of service by attempting to  
29 catch the shells coming out of guns and throwing them overboard,  
30 but in reality, he let them fall to deck and then picked them up  
31 and tossed them overboard; and

32 WHEREAS, his journeys as ABS took him to New Guinea,  
33 Australia, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Antwerp, Belgium, France, Italy and  
34 India, he was able to ride the "The Sea Hyzer" which was built at  
35 Ingalls in Pascagoula, but his last trip to New Guinea was most  
36 memorable because the ship was setting off coast near an airbase  
37 when a Japanese plane following fighters back dropped a bomb that  
38 landed just feet from his ship, and he also came under fire going  
39 through the Strait of Gibraltar; and

40 WHEREAS, upon returning home, he went to work at Ford Motor  
41 Company in downtown Biloxi, where he met the love of his life,  
42 Eleanor Ryan, and married her in 1947; and



WHEREAS, he moved Eleanor and his family to Pascagoula in the early 1960s, when he went to work for Coastal Chemical, which was later named Mississippi Chemical; and

WHEREAS, he and Eleanor were a formidable team, and like their love, their family continued to grow, eventually blessing them with a total of ten children, eighteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, James and Eleanor's home was also home to their children's friends, who came over often and remained for days at a time, much to the excitement and fun of the other siblings; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with his family's legacy of service to their country, three of his six sons, Zachary, Jim, and Gerald, joined the military and served in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, he went to work for Standard Oil Refinery, which later became the Chevron Refinery, when it opened in Pascagoula, and was one of the first one hundred employees hired; and

WHEREAS, he worked earnestly at the Refinery until he retired at the age of 61 after 23 dedicated years as an employee; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to celebrate the lives of Mississippians whose life and longevity are a testament to God's grace and mercy, who have served this country with passion and continued the legacy of service to the United States with his children and grandchildren:



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 Mr. James Arthur Trochesset on the  
71 auspicious and blessed occasion of his 100th birthday, and wish  
72 him continued health and wellness in years to come.

73           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
74 furnished to Mr. James Arthur Trochesset, his wife, Eleanor, and  
75 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

