

By: Senator(s) Tate, England, Frazier,
McCaughn, McLendon, Michel, Seymour, Thomas

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 138

1 A RESOLUTION SALUTING THE GALLANT SERVICE OF WORLD WAR II
2 VETERAN JOHN WESLEY HENRY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE OCCASION
3 OF HIS 105TH BIRTHDAY.

4 WHEREAS, we pause to salute the gallant service of World War
5 II Veteran John Wesley (John the Baptist) Henry on the occasion of
6 his 105th Birthday; and

7 WHEREAS, John Wesley Henry, was born on September 30, 1919,
8 in Madison County, Mississippi. He spent his youth hunting and
9 fishing, participating in various sports and activities, and
10 regularly attending church, all of which later served to form his
11 impeccable character and good standing as a valued and productive
12 resident citizen of Madison County; and

13 WHEREAS, he served his country by enlisting in the United
14 States military in 1942, and after been deployed to Europe to
15 support the war effort in various capacities in World War II, John
16 Henry was honorably discharged in 1945; and

17 WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge, Mr. Henry returned to
18 the Canton, Mississippi, area where in 1947, he married Catherine



19 Griffin, and to this union were born 12 children, 95
20 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren, and 50 great-great-
21 grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, John Wesley Henry has worked diligently and
23 productively, having been employed at Presto Manufacturing, Canton
24 Public Schools, and as an essential service employee of the City
25 of Canton; and

26 WHEREAS, affectionately called "John the Baptist," Mr. Henry
27 attended Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, serving as a
28 Deacon, and blessed many listeners through his gift of song,
29 participating as a member of the popular singing group, "The
30 Canton Southernairs," for well over 60 years; and

31 WHEREAS, notably, John Wesley Henry has reached the age of
32 105, a rare birthday that should be greatly celebrated by his
33 family, his friends, and all in Madison County who know, love and
34 respect him; and

35 WHEREAS, we honor John Wesley Henry for his Godly life, his
36 incredible life-story and personal testimony, and his service that
37 brought honor to a grateful nation. He truly is part of this
38 nation's greatest generation:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
40 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby salute the gallant service of World
41 War II Veteran John Wesley Henry of Canton, Mississippi, on the
42 occasion of his 105th Birthday and extend the best wishes of the
43 Senate to Mr. Henry and his family.



44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
45 John Wesley Henry, forwarded to Mount Olive Missionary Baptist
46 Church and made available to Capitol Press Corps.

