

By: Representative Compretta

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. GRACE ORTTE ON THE  
2 OCCASION OF HER 105TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Grace Ortte of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi,  
4 celebrated her 105th birthday on December 20, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, born December 20, 1898, in New Orleans, Mrs. Ortte  
6 has been a resident of Hancock County, Mississippi, for more than  
7 85 years; and

8 WHEREAS, recalling her many visits to Bay St. Louis as a  
9 youngster on the Mary Jane commuter train, Mrs. Ortte is now the  
10 oldest resident of Bay St. Louis; and

11 WHEREAS, a true peoples' person, Mrs. Ortte, who enjoys  
12 talking to people and taking frequent rides around the Bay St.  
13 Louis area, quietly celebrated her 105th birthday, the highlight  
14 of which was a congratulatory letter from Willard Scott; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ortte married Edward Ortte in 1917, and  
16 together they operated three movie theaters in Hancock County and  
17 others across the Mississippi coastal region; and

18 WHEREAS, blessed with one child, Mrs. Ortte has enjoyed the  
19 support, love and adoration of her family and friends, including  
20 daughter, Marion; three grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren  
21 and fifteen great-great-grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
23 such outstanding Mississippians as Mrs. Ortte, whose longevity is  
24 filled with the treasures of wisdom and history and attributable  
25 to a healthy living and a fervent faith and belief in God:

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
27 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING

28 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mrs. Grace Ortte on the  
29 occasion of her 105th birthday celebration and extend our  
30 heartiest wishes for many more years of good health, peace and  
31 happiness, and an overflowing abundance of joy and love.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
33 furnished to Mrs. Grace Ortte and to the members of the Capitol  
34 Press Corps.