By: Senator(s) Harvey

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. VIRGIL ABNER

- KING OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI, A NATIVE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY. 2
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- 4 WHEREAS, Virgil Abner King was born to Abner N. and Margaret
- (Maggie) Miller King in Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, on 5
- November 8, 1904; and 6
- 7 WHEREAS, Virgil King attended Santee School from the 1st
- 8 Grade through 8th Grade, then went to Forrest County Agricultural
- 9 Boarding School and graduated about 1922; and
- WHEREAS, he married Emma Holliday on January 28, 1928. From 10
- this union were two children, Virgil A. King, Jr., and Joyce King 11
- 12 Bethany; nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Virgil operated and owned the Ben Franklin stores in
- Philadelphia and Lexington, Mississippi, until he retired in 1974 14
- 15 and he still lives in Lexington; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the King Family Tree was started by: Richard King
- from Pennsylvania when he was returning from the Battle of New 17
- 18 Orleans during the War of 1812, when he married and settled in the
- Bassfield area. Richard was born in 1795 and died in 1875; his 19
- 20 son, John M. King, was born in 1836 and died in 1905; his son,
- 21 Abner N. King, was born in 1868 and died in 1917; and
- 22 WHEREAS, this family icon has witnessed many historic events
- during his lifetime, including the invention of the automobile by 23
- Henry Ford, the Wright Brothers' first airplane flight and man's 24
- walk on the moon; and 25

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- 26 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize such outstanding
- 27 Mississippians as Mr. King, whose longevity is filled with

- 28 treasures of wisdom and history and attributable to healthy
- 29 living, hard work, respect for his fellowman and strong religious
- 30 convictions:
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
- 32 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Virgil
- 33 Abner King on the occasion of his 100th birthday and extend our
- 34 heartfelt wishes for many more years of good health, peace,
- 35 happiness and an overflowing abundance of love and joy.
- 36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
- 37 Mr. King, his children, and be made available to the Capitol Press
- 38 Corps.