



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 66

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Clara Jewel Curd Hall Hughes on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Clara Jewel Curd Hall Hughes celebrated her ninetieth birthday on September 28, 2010, a milestone commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community, Clara Hall Hughes was born in Oliver Springs, as the third of six children born to Fred Douglas and Lucy Jones Curd; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hall Hughes attended Emory Gap and Kingston Schools and later attended the University of Tennessee-Knoxville for two years; and

WHEREAS, Clara Hall Hughes served with acumen and alacrity as a domestic assistant and caregiver for many families; and

WHEREAS, in her exemplary thirty-year tenure with Union Carbide Nuclear Corporation, Mrs. Hall Hughes earned the respect and admiration of her superiors and colleagues alike for the outstanding quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Clara Hall Hughes was also the first black woman to serve as a member of the Y-12 Union Board, serving alongside Paul White and Willie Cale; she took a much-deserved retirement in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Clara Hall Hughes was joined in holy matrimony with Freeman Hall, and they became the parents of one daughter, Rose Lisa Hall; and

WHEREAS, she is the devoted grandmother of four grandchildren: Justina Willis, Lamar Willis, Bonnie Willis, and Freeman Drake, and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Mrs. Hall Hughes survives two husbands, Freeman Alfred Hall and Franklin Ira Hughes; two brothers; and one sister; and

WHEREAS, baptized in Tuppertown Creek (Oliver Springs) in 1938, Clara Hall Hughes is a faithfully devoted member of the Little Baptist Church in Oliver Springs, which she has served as a Sunday School teacher and as a member of the choir and the Baptist Young People's Union; and

WHEREAS, a deaconess for more than fifty years, Mrs. Hall Hughes also serves on the church's Decoration Committee and Budget Finance Committee, and she has held the position of treasurer for over thirty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Clara Hall Hughes is an esteemed and long-serving member of the Eastern Star Atomic Chapter 13 of Oak Ridge, Daughter of Isis Almas Court #157, Commandress and Queen of Almas Court, Imperial Deputy of the Oasis of Almas Court, and was the first place winner in the annual Oriental Fashion Show, which was held in Miami, Florida; she is the current treasurer of Keblah Court #57 of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, as Clara Hall Hughes enters her tenth decade, she is still an active and productive member of society; she enjoys canning fresh fruits and vegetables, making jellies and preserves, feeding and watching birds, and serving humanity in any way she can be of some assistance; and

WHEREAS, fond of travel, Mrs. Hall Hughes has visited all fifty states and several countries, and with eight ocean cruises to her credit, she is eagerly anticipating her ninth cruise next year; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Clara Jewel Curd Hall Hughes on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

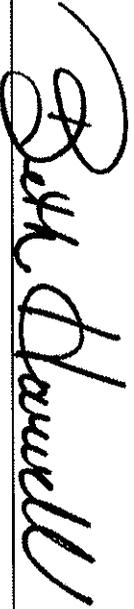
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: February 23, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4th day of March 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR