

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 201

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Mrs. Cloteil Williams Matthews upon the occasion of her one hundred fourth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend and congratulate Mrs. Cloteil Williams Matthews upon the historic occasion of her one hundred fourth birthday; and

WHEREAS, Cloteil Williams Matthews was born more than one century ago on June 13, 1913, in Clinton, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Cloteil Williams Matthews is one of fifteen children born to Elga and Matilda Williams including six sisters: Ruby Ventry, Adell McKnight, Thelma Matthews, Juanita Bryant, Lillie Varnado, and Gattie Cooks; and five brothers: E.D. Williams, Bunyan Williams, Columbus Williams, Clovis Williams, and Cornelius Williams; and

WHEREAS, she is the eldest of the four remaining children; and

WHEREAS, as a young child, Mrs. Matthews attended Clear Creek school; and

WHEREAS, Cloteil Williams Matthews worshipped at the Clear Creek A.M.E. church in Clinton, Louisiana, where she was a class leader for children and a secretary for the church; and

WHEREAS, Cloteil Williams Matthews was married to her beloved husband, James Matthews, for fifty-two wonderful years; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, James and Cloteil would have one daughter, Donna Marie; and

WHEREAS, Cloteil Williams Matthews has three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Cloteil Williams Matthews was a domestic engineer for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Matthews is a member of Day's Chapel A.M.E. church in Clinton, Louisiana, and serves as a faithful member and missionary under the leadership of Rev. Troy A. Williams; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty years, Mrs. Matthews has resided in Baton Rouge with her daughter; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Matthews' days are filled with the many activities that she enjoys including sewing, cooking, reading her Bible, and attending church; and

WHEREAS, in August 2009, Mrs. Matthews enrolled at The Center, Inc. Adult Day Health Care in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, at The Center, Inc., Mrs. Matthews is supported with an array of services and activities designed to enhance and strengthen her physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual well-being; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Matthews is celebrated for her faithful attendance at The Center, Inc., maintaining a more than ninety-five percent attendance rate in the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, Cloteil Williams Matthews merits a special measure of commendation for the tremendous honor that she brings to her community, the state of Louisiana, and all who know and love her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Cloteil Williams Matthews upon the historic occasion of her one hundredth fourth birthday; does hereby recognize and record for posterity the extraordinary life she has lived in the one hundred four years since her birth; does hereby extend enduring gratitude for the contributions she has made to her community and her family; and does hereby wish her full measures of health and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Cloteil Williams Matthews.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES