

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON AND SENATOR GALLOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Eula Woodard upon her attainment in April 2015 to the elite club of Louisiana centenarians.

WHEREAS, Eula Turner Woodard was born in 1915 in Jackson Parish to Minger Bennie Turner and Ola Williams Turner, one of nine children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Woodard and her late husband, Grambling's first mayor, B.T. Woodard, successfully raised four productive citizens, a feat of which Mrs. Woodard is most proud; her children all contributed admirably to the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Bennie T. Woodard, Jr., was an Air Force fighter pilot in the Vietnam War, served as forward air controller, was honorably discharged as captain, and promoted to captain in the Naval Reserve; he has passed from this life to his eternal home; and

WHEREAS, Martha Woodard Andrus is a retired teacher who followed in the footsteps of her father, having served as mayor of Grambling; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Woodard Dunn is a retired auditor for the United States Internal Revenue Service; and

WHEREAS, Donald B. Woodard is a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, the four children of Mrs. Eula Woodard have perpetuated the distinguished Woodard line with nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a gifted professional seamstress, Mrs. Woodard taught tailoring at Grambling College; she has since retired; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Woodard has been a devoted member of the body of Christ through New Rocky Valley Baptist Church since 1943, serving in the Children's Department as a Sunday school teacher, as the president of the Chancel Choir, as a member of the Deaconess Board, and as a member of the Dorcas Circle Women's Missionary Society; Mrs. Woodard also served in Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Mrs. Eula Woodard received the honor of being named "Woman of the Year"; she helped organize the Grambling Just Us Club, a group that purchased the first street lights for Grambling; and

WHEREAS, in her life, Mrs. Woodard has served in many positions: she was vice chair of the Grambling Joy Fund, a Boy Scout den mother, and a founding Worthy Matron of the Evening Star chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Woodard is a current member of the Grambling Unit of the Retired Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, Eula Woodard aptly bears the title of "matriarch of the Woodard family" in Grambling; as the wife of Grambling's first mayor, B.T. Woodard, she is the original First Lady of the city and proudly wore that title for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, as a member of what has been called "The Greatest Generation", the generation born between 1900 and the early 1920s, Mrs. Woodard's contributions to the state and country in raising a family and participating in her community cannot be quantified; and

WHEREAS, as the newest centenarian of House District 11 and Senate District 29, it is fitting to celebrate the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Eula Woodard.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend happy congratulations to Eula Woodard upon her one hundredth birthday and does hereby express best hopes for good health, joy, and the continuous blessings of God.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Eula Woodard.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE