

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATORS WARD, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Twylah Chaney on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday, March 19, 2018, and to honor her lifetime of outstanding accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana honor Twylah Chaney on the occasion of this very special milestone in life; and

WHEREAS, Twylah Elaine Smith was born March 19, 1928, to parents, Dewey and Mary Cooper Smith, in Copiah County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, she moved to Clinton, Louisiana, as a young woman, and in 1948, she married Russell Gordon Chaney, her sweetheart and husband of fifty-three years until his passing in 2001; and

WHEREAS, together the Chaney's established roots and built a home, where Twylah still resides today, and prospered with a growing family blessed with five children, Karen C. Garber, Brad Chaney (now deceased), Cindy C. Wiley, Clifton L. Chaney, and Myra C. Guice; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Twylah is a soft-spoken, gentle woman who has spent her entire life in selfless service to others; not only her children, husband, and extended family, but also her neighbors and her community; wherever the need, Twylah volunteered without being asked; and

WHEREAS, she is affectionately known as "Aunt Tye" to her many nieces and nephews and "TeeTye" to her grandchildren, as well as many neighbors in the Clinton community; and

WHEREAS, she possesses a happy heart and finds joy in most any activity; and

WHEREAS, Twylah Chaney balances home life with her service to God; she puts her faith in the Lord and remains steadfast in her belief that Jesus Christ is in her heart, and His grace will always be her protection and her solace; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong Baptist, Mrs. Chaney has served the church in many capacities, including as a Sunday School teacher, a leader for Girls Auxiliary and ActTeen groups, and as an active member in Baptist Women in Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Twylah Chaney has filled her life with service to others, first as a mother, homemaker, and caregiver, then later as activity director for the East Feliciana Parish Council on Aging, and as a volunteer at Grace Nursing Home; and

WHEREAS, while the children were in school, Twylah was a concerned parent and room mother vested in her children's academic accomplishments as well as their participation in sports, scouting, and clubs; and

WHEREAS, Twylah is a self-made woman, strong of spirit and self-reliant; she has built her life on the foundation of Christian faith, and has strived to lead by example with heartfelt compassion, kindness, and love for others; and

WHEREAS, Twylah Chaney has lived an exemplary life that all should emulate; she always has a positive outlook, always sees the very best in everyone, and with great admiration, she is loved by all who know her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Twylah S. Chaney on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday, March 19, 2018, and is hereby recognized for the extraordinary life she has lived thus far and for the many contributions she has made to her family and community and is hereby extended best wishes for her future happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Twylah S. Chaney.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE