

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 157

BY REPRESENTATIVES JACKSON AND WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Van Esther Pouncey on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday.

WHEREAS, Van Esther Pouncey was born on April 29, 1924, in Curtis, Louisiana; she was delivered by a midwife and was the fifth of her parents' ten children; and

WHEREAS, Van Esther attended Douglas Island Elementary School and graduated from Central Colored High School in 1943; she is one of two surviving members of her graduating class, and she is a member of the Centralites Alumni Organization; and

WHEREAS, Van Esther held her first job as a babysitter at a private residence when she was sixteen years old; she worked in the cafeteria of Schumpert Hospital before accepting a job in the private home of J.P. Beaird, for whom she worked the next fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pouncey is a member of St. Luke C.M.E. Church which was founded by her father, Van Wells, and is under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Gregory Hudson; she is a former member of the church's choir and the David Raines Community Choir; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pouncey acquired a sense of civic duty and commitment to service from her mother, Maggie B. Wells; she helped found the MLK Intergenerational Quilters, and one of their quilts was purchased by Oprah Winfrey as a gift for Maya Angelou; she has proudly served for decades with the MLK Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pouncey has been a lifelong best friend of Mrs. Elizabeth Glover, mother of former state representative, Cedric Glover; she also enjoys cooking, word puzzles, and bingo; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pouncey and her husband, Willie Pannell, had seven children, Alice, James, Lennis, Brenda, Larry, Willie Faye, and Sharron; she is truly deserving of the highest recognition for her inspiring life which has been defined by love.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Van Esther Pouncey on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that she continue to prosper in all of her endeavors and enjoy good health for many more years to come.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES