

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY SENATOR BUFFINGTON

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Ora Bell Clark Turpin on the celebration of her one hundredth birthday and to honor her lifetime of outstanding accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper to honor Ora Bell Clark Turpin on this very special celebration of her one hundredth birthday; and

WHEREAS, she was born on April 1, 1914, the first of fifteen children born to parents who were sharecroppers in Gibsland, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, although she only has a third grade education, she persevered to work hard and raise three sons and two daughters; and

WHEREAS, she was a missionary for over sixty years in Los Angeles, California, and operated four Board and Care Homes for the mentally challenged; and

WHEREAS, due to health reasons, she was relocated to Heritage Manor South Nursing Facility in Shreveport, Louisiana, eight years ago; and

WHEREAS, she was born before the advent of rural electrical utilities, radio, television, and space travel, and in her mature years has witnessed man's walk on the moon, digital technology, miracles of science and medicine, and many other marvels that were unheard of only a few short decades ago; and

WHEREAS, she is still a feisty lady who enjoys singing, talking about her life experiences and sharing how the Lord blessed her life with her family and friends, all who gaze in wonder at the events she has seen and participated in, firsthand; and

WHEREAS, Ora Bell Clark Turpin merits a special measure of commendation and recognition for the tremendous pride, kindness, and sense of purpose that she brings to her family, friends, community, and state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ora Bell Clark Turpin on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday,

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April 1, 2014, and does hereby recognize the extraordinary life she has lived thus far, and for the contributions she has made to her family and community, and to wish for her a full measure of happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ora Bell Clark Turpin.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE