

House Resolution 59EX2

By: Representative Reece of the 11<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Neil Tillotson on the occasion of his 103rd birthday; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Neil Tillotson was born on December 16, 1898, and is the owner of Best  
3 Manufacturing Company which he and Roy Mann, Sr., founded in 1951 in Menlo, Georgia;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Tillotson continues to be actively involved with his company as he has been  
6 for the past 50 years, going to his office in New Hampshire several times a week; and

7 WHEREAS, he takes great pride in being the first person to vote in the general election by  
8 casting his ballot at his New Hampshire polling place at 12:01 A.M. on election day; and

9 WHEREAS, he rode with Pancho Villa during the Mexican Revolution of 1910 and served  
10 in World War I; and

11 WHEREAS, in his work as a chemist, his first experience with rubber coating, which would  
12 become an important element in his glove manufacturing business, came in the making of  
13 a Mickey Mouse balloon; and

14 WHEREAS, the company he founded has grown from 24 employees in Menlo, Georgia, to  
15 1,500 worldwide with sales well over \$100 million to become the largest privately-held glove  
16 manufacturer in the world; and

17 WHEREAS, this generous and community-minded gentleman has donated much to Menlo  
18 and its citizens, including the land for the Menlo Sports Complex which is valued at  
19 \$500,000.00; and

20 WHEREAS, this distinguished entrepreneur, industrialist, and philanthropist has contributed  
21 much to the betterment of the citizens of Menlo and to the safety and protection of the health

1 and welfare of workers throughout the world, and it is only fitting and proper that he be  
2 appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of his life.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
4 this body heartily commends Neil Tillotson for his innovative, effective, and dedicated  
5 contributions to the well-being of the citizens of Georgia and workers throughout the world;  
6 congratulates him on the remarkable occasion of his 103rd birthday; and extends to him its  
7 most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Neil Tillotson.