

## House Resolution 22

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup> and Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing congratulations and best wishes to Benjamin Simmons on the occasion of his  
2 100th birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Benjamin Simmons was born on January 16, 1907, in Ridgeland, South  
4 Carolina, to Sam and Katy Simmons and is the only living child of 15 children; and

5 WHEREAS, he left South Carolina at an early age and moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where he  
6 later met the late Eva Fletcher; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1941 he was drafted into the military where he served diligently and  
8 courageously in the U.S. Navy during World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, after the war, he resumed his work at Southern Railroad in Atlanta, Georgia,  
10 retiring in 1972; and

11 WHEREAS, Benjamin has been a member of the Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal  
12 Church for many years and served on the Stewart Board; and

13 WHEREAS, Benjamin always sought to aid his fellow man in an hour of need, and for this  
14 reason he gained and maintained the admiration, esteem, and affection of his family,  
15 members of his church, and the community.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 this body hereby extends to Benjamin Simmons their most sincere congratulations and best  
18 wishes on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Benjamin Simmons.