

House Resolution 331

By: Representative Rice of the 51<sup>st</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Charles Jerry Rice on the occasion of his 80th birthday; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Jerry Rice is celebrating his 80th birthday on March 9, 2009; and
- 3 WHEREAS, he served his country honorably as a member of the U.S. Seventh Army in  
4 Germany; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he is an outstanding example of a man who improved his status in life through  
6 hard work and sacrifice, including working 40 hours a week while taking a full college class  
7 schedule; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Jerry graduated from Temple University with a B.S. in Accounting while  
9 maintaining a grade point average that qualified him for membership in Beta Alpha Psi, an  
10 honorary accounting fraternity; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was a sought-after graduate who was selected to enter the Bethlehem Steel  
12 Company's executive training program; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he rose quickly to the position of Assistant Works Accountant at the Johnstown,  
14 Pennsylvania, plant and went on to a career on the Bethlehem Steel corporate staff where he  
15 successfully expanded the government contract business; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Jerry found the love of his life, Anne, whom he married in 1960, and they now  
17 have completed 48 wonderful years of marriage; and
- 18 WHEREAS, they are blessed by God with two wonderful children, Scott and Sheryl, and  
19 three amazing grandchildren, Joshua, Sarah, and Nathaniel; and

20 WHEREAS, they have placed their faith in Jesus Christ and now enjoy the promise of eternal  
21 life; and

22 WHEREAS, they have weathered the storms and approach each new day as one filled with  
23 promise and the opportunity to serve others in the name of their God with a love best  
24 described in I Corinthians Chapter 13; and

25 WHEREAS, Jerry Rice is the brother of the sponsor of this resolution and he has been the  
26 recipient of Jerry's guidance, love, and affection.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body honor Charles Jerry Rice on the occasion of his 80th birthday and  
29 wish him many happy returns.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Charles Jerry Rice.