

## House Resolution 137

By: Representatives Williamson of the 111<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Howard of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Smith of the 131<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Bessie Cooper of Walton County, Georgia, the world's  
2 oldest living person; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Bessie Cooper is a distinguished and beloved citizen of Walton County,  
4 Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, with the passing of the only supercentenarian known to be older than Ms.  
6 Cooper on January 31, 2011, Ms. Cooper became the world's oldest living person at the age  
7 of 114 years and 158 days on that date; and

8 WHEREAS, she was born in Tennessee on August 26, 1896, and celebrated her 114th  
9 birthday in 2010; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Cooper moved to Walton County during World War I and became a school  
11 teacher there; and

12 WHEREAS, she married Luthur Cooper in 1924 and continued teaching until the birth of the  
13 first of her four children, and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Cooper has four children, 12 grandchildren, a dozen great-grandchildren,  
15 and a dozen great-great-grandchildren, and this dearly beloved lady is a source of great pride  
16 to her large family; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Cooper attributes her longevity to good genes and a healthy diet.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 this body does hereby recognize and commend Ms. Bessie Cooper, the world's oldest living  
20 person and a great credit to her community and the State of Georgia.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Bessie Cooper.