

Senate Resolution 373

By: Senator Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Mr. Garnett Rhodes on the grand occasion of his 100th birthday; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Garnett Rhodes was born on March 11, 1911, the beloved fourth child of  
4 Chapman Rhodes and Mary Jane Frazier Rhodes, and this year he enjoys the rare distinction  
5 of celebrating his 100th birthday; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhodes grew up farming in rural Taliaferro County, Georgia, alongside his  
7 seven sisters and four brothers; and

8 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his lovely wife Inell Stewart Rhodes in  
9 1931 and was blessed with three sons and two daughters; and

10 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding Mr. Rhodes has demonstrated have  
11 provided the foundation and framework of success in which his family members have  
12 developed and flourished; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhodes worked as a farmer, a sharecropper, and a driver for a prominent  
14 physician in White Plains before moving his family to Athens after accepting positions with  
15 Athens city government and Wilma Crawford Foods; and

16 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy as an  
17 employee of Athens Poultry until his retirement in 1979; and

18 WHEREAS, after the passing of his first wife, Mr. Rhodes married Ella R. Smith Rhodes in  
19 1983; and

20 WHEREAS, he had farming in his blood, and even in retirement he continued to keep a milk  
21 cow on his 10 acre farm in Athens and supplied fresh butter and buttermilk to a dedicated list  
22 of acquaintances in the Athens area until he turned 90 years old; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Rhodes has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of  
24 his lifetime and we salute his contribution to its progress by his own hard work and good  
25 citizenship; and

26 WHEREAS, a kind and generous man, Mr. Rhodes brings joy and happiness to his many  
27 friends, neighbors, and family members who have the great pleasure of knowing him; and

28 WHEREAS, by the example Mr. Rhodes has made of his life, he makes this world a better  
29 place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that this distinguished centenarian be  
30 appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of his life.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend Mr. Garnett Rhodes for his unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to the members  
33 of his family; congratulate him on the remarkable occasion of his 100th birthday; and extend  
34 to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Garnett Rhodes.