

House Resolution 1055

By: Representatives Stephens of the 161st, Gordon of the 162nd, Watson of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, and Purcell of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Mr. Willie Frank Grady on the occasion of his 100th birthday; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Willie Frank Grady was born on April 2, 1911, and this year he enjoys the
4 rare distinction of celebrating his 100th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Grady worked in the railroad industry for a number of years and was
6 self-employed as a carpenter until he reached his 80's; and

7 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Grady has been a member of Tremont
8 Temple Baptist Church since 1950, where he faithfully served as deacon for many years; and

9 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage for 63 wonderful years to the late Annie
10 Mae "Smokie" Grady; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Grady is the proud father of three adoring daughters, Betty Taylor, Betty
12 J. Jefferson, and Marti Jeanette Ashley; and grandfather to nine grandchildren, 22
13 great-grandchildren, and 19 great-great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding Mr. Grady has demonstrated have
15 provided the foundation and framework of success in which his family members have
16 developed and flourished; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Grady has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of his
18 lifetime and we salute his contribution to its progress by his own hard work and good
19 citizenship; and

20 WHEREAS, he possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and the
21 strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

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

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Mr. Willie Frank Grady for his loving and dedicated
29 service to the members of his family and the citizens of his community, congratulate him
30 upon the grand occasion of his 100th birthday, and extend to him best wishes for continued
31 health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Willie Frank Grady.