

House Resolution 1997

By: Representative Scott of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Joseph "Joe" Burton Johnson and Mrs. Ruby Elizabeth
2 Johnson on the occasion of their 71st wedding anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph "Joe" Burton Johnson was born on April 11, 1922, in Sewanee,
4 Tennessee, a beloved son of barber and moonshiner, Burt Johnson; and

5 WHEREAS, as a boy, Joe would often help his father make the moonshine and has many
6 great memories of watching his father cut hair on the campus of the University of the South;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's family moved to Chattanooga where he became an avid Boy
9 Scout and member of Christ Episcopal Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruby Elizabeth Johnson was born on July 7, 1921, near Sewanee,
11 Tennessee, where her father served as a detective in the midst of Prohibition which
12 eventually resulted in their move to Chattanooga where she later met Mr. Johnson; and

13 WHEREAS, soon after Joe proposed to Ruby on Valentine's Day in 1941, they were united
14 in love and marriage on April 25, 1941, and are now blessed with six remarkable children,
15 17 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Mr. Johnson was called to serve his country
17 as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army as a combat
18 infantryman in the Red Arrow Division and earned two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, after the war, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson moved to Ringgold where they raised their
21 six children and Mr. Johnson worked as a carpenter, rebuilt old MG motorcars, took Mrs.

22 Johnson for cross-country motorcycle rides, and bested many masters as a chess champion;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson may move a little slower than they did when they married
25 70 years ago, but their love for one another and the Lord Jesus Christ is stronger now than
26 ever; and

27 WHEREAS, residents of Ringgold, Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Ruby Johnson are two
28 exemplary citizens in wartime and peace, in sickness and in health, in joy and sorrow, in
29 plenty and in want, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that these distinguished Georgians
30 be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Mr. Joseph "Joe" Burton Johnson and Mrs. Ruby
33 Elizabeth Johnson on the grand occasion of their 71st wedding anniversary and extend
34 sincere best wishes for many more happy years together.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Ruby
37 Johnson.