

House Resolution 829

By: Representative Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and celebrating the 100th birthday of Mr. James H. Morgan; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. James H. Morgan was born on April 26, 1913, in Memphis, Tennessee; and

4 WHEREAS, he earned his high school diploma in Greenwood, Mississippi, and went on to
5 earn a degree in architecture from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1934; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was initially employed at Georgia Power Company working
7 throughout the state before he moved his family to Swainsboro in 1938 and became a Ford
8 dealer, a farmer, and a partner in the *Swainsboro Forest-Blade*; and

9 WHEREAS, he served as an artillery officer in World War II, stationed in Puerto Rico at
10 Camp Stewart, and later made several trips across the Pacific Ocean; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was united in love and marriage to Gaynelle Franklin, a union
12 which blessed them with three remarkable children, Harry, John, and Gay, before Gaynelle
13 passed in 1972; he is now married to Jean Fourier, whom he met in the State Dining Room
14 at the White House in 1974; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan has remained actively involved in his community throughout the
16 years and has served in many leadership capacities including president of the Swainsboro
17 Chamber of Commerce in 1961, president of the Georgia Automobile Dealers Association,
18 and Lieutenant Governor of the Kiwanis' Eighth Division; and

19 WHEREAS, he designed the building for the First Baptist Church of Swainsboro, as well as
20 several local homes; piloted the first plane to take off from Swainsboro's airport, and was one
21 of the founders of the Swainsboro Country Club; and

22 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Morgan has been an active member of
23 First Baptist Church of Swainsboro where he has been chair of deacons and a Sunday school
24 teacher; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan's membership in the Georgia Council for the Arts in 1975 laid the
26 foundation for the Emanuel Arts Council, where he served as a co-founder; and

27 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding he has demonstrated have provided
28 the foundation and framework of success in which all of his family members have developed
29 and flourished; and

30 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
31 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he has made of his life, he
32 makes this world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be
33 appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of his life.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body join in honoring Mr. James H. Morgan on the occasion of his 100th
36 birthday and wishing him many more years of happiness.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. James H. Morgan.