

## House Resolution 1424

By: Representatives Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Howard of the 124<sup>th</sup>, Taylor of the 79<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Thomas Watson Burroughs; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Thomas Watson Burroughs was born on May 1, 1914, in Burke County,  
3 Georgia, and this year he enjoys the rare distinction of celebrating his 100th birthday; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Thomas attended the Summer Stand School as a child but left after the second  
5 grade to assist his family with their farm; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his long-time sweetheart and love of his  
7 life, the late Nancy Lee Davis Burroughs, for 75 years; and
- 8 WHEREAS, as a member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, he received various Sunday  
9 school awards, including recognition as Mount Calvary's Man of the Year and Church  
10 School-Father of the Year; and
- 11 WHEREAS, after moving to Augusta, Georgia, Thomas was employed by the Works Project  
12 Administration where he worked in a multitude of areas, including construction, carpentry,  
13 brick masonry, and electrical wiring; and
- 14 WHEREAS, although he did not attend college, Thomas was a "jack of all trades," often  
15 repairing equipment that engineers and electricians could not fix; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding he has demonstrated have provided  
17 the foundation and framework of success in which his family members have developed and  
18 flourished; and
- 19 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high  
20 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and

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

24 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
25 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

26 WHEREAS, Thomas has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of his  
27 lifetime, and we salute his contribution to its progress by his own hard work and good  
28 citizenship; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body commend Thomas Watson Burroughs for his unselfish, dedicated,  
34 and loving service to the members of his family and the citizens of his community and state,  
35 congratulate him on the remarkable occasion of his 100th birthday, and extend the most  
36 sincere best wishes for continued health and 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 Thomas Watson Burroughs.