

House Resolution 1776

By: Representative Kidd of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mrs. Evelyn M. Sloat and celebrating the occasion of her 90th birthday; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Evelyn M. Sloat was born on February 28, 1924, in Gate City, Virginia,
4 as one of the beloved children of R.M. McClelland and Louisa Jennings McClelland; and

5 WHEREAS, she graduated from Shoemaker High School and attended Lincoln Memorial
6 University; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sloat, a firecracker of a soul, always wanted to be involved in service to
8 her country, and thus, became one of the original girls of Atomic City in Oak Ridge during
9 World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, her time in Oak Ridge led Mrs. Sloat to have a varied career working in
11 journalism for the *Kingsport-Times News* and eventually the Sullivan County Board of
12 Education; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sloat met and married C. Kenneth Sloat, a Tennessee native who wooed
14 her to his hometown, on April 14, 1951; and

15 WHEREAS, after first commencing her married life in Kingsport, the couple resided in
16 Blountville, Tennessee, since 1955, but she remains a Virginian at heart; and

17 WHEREAS, she and her husband became the proud parents of two daughters and two
18 grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sloat took time away from her working life to raise her daughters, only
20 to return to work after they had entered school; and

21 WHEREAS, she is known to play a mean game of bridge, enjoys some "Christmas Present"
22 from time to time, loves to entertain her friends, roots for the Tennessee Volunteers, and
23 enjoys the latest movies and plays; and

24 WHEREAS, she has long served her local community and is an active member of
25 Blountville Presbyterian Church; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sloat has a continuing passion for gardening and is known for her
27 collection of calla lilies and various canning projects; and

28 WHEREAS, she has served a wide number of organizations and various committees in her
29 area, including county governance matters, as PTA president, the Band Boosters, Eastern
30 Star, and was also a volunteer election official; and

31 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sloat continues to be actively involved in her community and enjoy life.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize Mrs. Evelyn M. Sloat for her many years of service to
34 the Sullivan County Board of Education, as a local humanitarian and community volunteer,
35 and for her unselfish love of her family; commend her on the occasion of her 90th birthday;
36 and wish her 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 Mrs. Evelyn M. Sloat.