

## House Resolution 1713

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139<sup>th</sup>, Deffenbaugh of the 1<sup>st</sup>, Cheokas of the 138<sup>th</sup>, Evans of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, Dickey of the 140<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Josephine Augusta Harbuck Welch on the grand occasion of her 90th birthday;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Josephine Augusta Harbuck Welch was born on April 14, 1926, to Dave and  
4 Maude Harbuck and grew up in Mauk, Georgia, which she has made her home for most of  
5 her 90 years; and

6 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to the late Edmond Allen Welch, Jr., on  
7 June 2, 1945, after his tour of duty in the United States Army during World War II, with  
8 whom she shares four children, eight grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, a faithful and devoted woman, Ms. Welch has been a member of Trinity Free  
10 Will Baptist Church since 1954, serving as church clerk until 2000; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Welch has dedicated her full and blessed life to taking care of others,  
12 helping to raise ten brothers and sisters, sitting by her mother's bedside during her extended  
13 sickness, and taking care of her husband in his last years; and

14 WHEREAS, God has truly blessed this woman of faith and has rewarded her and her family  
15 with 90 years of full life; and

16 WHEREAS, by the example she has made of her life, Ms. Welch makes this world a better  
17 place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately recognized  
18 during this very special and memorable time of her life.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body commend Josephine Augusta Harbuck Welch for her unselfish,  
21 dedicated, and loving service to the members of her family and the citizens of her community

22 and state, congratulate her on the remarkable occasion of her 90th birthday, and extend the  
23 most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
26 Josephine Augusta Harbuck Welch.