

## House Resolution 1871

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, and Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jimmie "MeMa" Luton; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jimmie "MeMa" Luton was born on June 2, 1917, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky,  
3 where she was raised on her grandfather's farm, and this year she enjoys the rare distinction  
4 of celebrating her 99th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, she possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and the  
6 strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Luton has experienced many historical events in her life, including the  
8 Great Depression and the harsh realities of segregation; and she remembers not being able  
9 to sit at food counters in diners or department stores, not being able to sit on the main floor  
10 of a movie theater, and riding in the back of a train coach; and

11 WHEREAS, she felt grateful for the love she received from her family and the ancestors who  
12 endured the struggle of slavery, allowing her to receive greater blessings; and

13 WHEREAS, through God, she was able to own a business as a hairdresser for 45 years; and

14 WHEREAS, on January 21, 2013, Mrs. Luton was able to travel and to witness the first  
15 African American president, Barack Obama, being inaugurated for his second term; and

16 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
17 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

18 WHEREAS, she has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of her  
19 lifetime, and we salute her contribution to its progress by her own hard work and good  
20 citizenship; and

21 WHEREAS, by the example Mrs. Luton has made of her life, she makes this world a better  
22 place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately recognized  
23 during this very special and memorable time of her life.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend Jimmie "MeMa" Luton for the remarkable life she has  
26 led, congratulate her on the remarkable occasion of her 99th birthday, and extend the most  
27 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
30 Jimmie "MeMa" Luton.