

House Resolution 706

By: Representative Kelley of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating Murray Bernard Payton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Murray Bernard Payton was born on March 23, 1913, in Glenlock, Georgia, and
3 this year he enjoys the rare distinction of celebrating his 104th birthday; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Murray served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
5 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World
6 War II; and
- 7 WHEREAS, after being discharged from the Navy, Murray purchased and ran a dry cleaning
8 business that continued to thrive until his retirement; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Murray is an active member of Calvary
10 Assembly of God; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding he has demonstrated have provided
12 the foundation of success from which his family members have developed and flourished for
13 three generations; and
- 14 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
15 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
17 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Murray possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and
19 the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life;
20 and

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

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Murray Bernard Payton for his unselfish and dedicated
28 service to the members of his family and community; congratulate him on the remarkable
29 occasion of his 104th birthday; and extend sincere best wishes for continued health and
30 happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
33 Murray Bernard Payton.