

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON AND SENATOR GALLOT

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Eula Woodard upon her 100th birthday

## 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Eula Woodard upon her attainment in April 2015 to the elite club of Louisiana  
3 centenarians.

4           WHEREAS, Eula Turner Woodard was born in 1915 in Jackson Parish to Minger  
5   Bennie Turner and Ola Williams Turner, one of nine children; and

6           WHEREAS, Mrs. Woodard and her late husband, Grambling's first mayor, B.T.  
7   Woodard, successfully raised four productive citizens, a feat of which Mrs. Woodard is most  
8   proud; her children all contributed admirably to the state and nation; and

9           WHEREAS, Bennie T. Woodard, Jr., was an Air Force fighter pilot in the Vietnam  
10   War, served as forward air controller, was honorably discharged as captain, and promoted  
11   to captain in the Naval Reserve; he has passed from this life to his eternal home; and

12 WHEREAS, Martha Woodard Andrus is a retired teacher who followed in the  
13 footsteps of her father, having served as mayor of Grambling; and

14           WHEREAS, Elaine Woodard Dunn is a retired auditor for the United States Internal  
15   Revenue Service; and

16 WHEREAS, Donald B. Woodard is a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, the four children of Mrs. Eula Woodard have perpetuated the distinguished Woodard line with nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, a gifted professional seamstress, Mrs. Woodard taught tailoring at  
20 Grambling College; she has since retired; and

1           WHEREAS, Mrs. Woodard has been a devoted member of the body of Christ  
2 through New Rocky Valley Baptist Church since 1943, serving in the Children's Department  
3 as a Sunday school teacher, as the president of the Chancel Choir, as a member of the  
4 Deaconess Board, and as a member of the Dorcas Circle Women's Missionary Society;  
5 Mrs. Woodard also served in Vacation Bible School; and

6           WHEREAS, in 1997, Mrs. Eula Woodard received the honor of being named  
7 "Woman of the Year"; she helped organize the Grambling Just Us Club, a group that  
8 purchased the first street lights for Grambling; and

9           WHEREAS, in her life, Mrs. Woodard has served in many positions: she was vice  
10 chair of the Grambling Joy Fund, a Boy Scout den mother, and a founding Worthy Matron  
11 of the Evening Star chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Woodard is a current member of the Grambling Unit of the Retired  
13 Teachers Association; and

14           WHEREAS, Eula Woodard aptly bears the title of "matriarch of the Woodard  
15 family" in Grambling; as the wife of Grambling's first mayor, B.T. Woodard, she is the  
16 original First Lady of the city and proudly wore that title for twenty-four years; and

17           WHEREAS, as a member of what has been called "The Greatest Generation", the  
18 generation born between 1900 and the early 1920s, Mrs. Woodard's contributions to the state  
19 and country in raising a family and participating in her community cannot be quantified; and

20           WHEREAS, as the newest centenarian of House District 11 and Senate District 29,  
21 it is fitting to celebrate the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Eula  
22 Woodard.

23           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
24 extend happy congratulations to Eula Woodard upon her one hundredth birthday and does  
25 hereby express best hopes for good health, joy, and the continuous blessings of God.

26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
27 to Eula Woodard.

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