

By: Representative Beck

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines was born in the rural community of St. Vincent, Arkansas, on March 4, 1918; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines worked alongside eight (8) of her siblings to take over operation of Kaufman Farms in 1931, and they were selected as the 1939 Arkansas landowner champions of the Plant to Prosper Competition, which recognized farmers who incorporated best farming practices and improved utilization of cotton cropland; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines served as Deputy County Clerk in Conway County, Arkansas, from 1941-45; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines was a stenographer and secretary for the House of Representatives during 1953-55 and 1959; and

WHEREAS, during her time of service to the House of Representatives in Arkansas, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines lived and worked in Vermont, but



she chose to take a leave of absence from her primary employment to return to Arkansas and serve the legislature in her home state; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines was pleased to serve the State of Arkansas and is proud that photographs of her during her time of service with the House of Representatives are still on display in the State Capitol Building; and

WHEREAS, from 1959-68, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines co-owned and operated, alongside her husband, Henry, Thines Supermarket in Morrilton; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines has executed an integral role in the preservation and continuation of Kaufman Farms, which was designated as an Arkansas Century Farm in 2018; and

WHEREAS, one (1) of the job responsibilities of Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines was to officially record votes made by the House of Representatives on resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to recognize Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines by conducting a vote on the floor of the House of Representatives to honor her public service and the many contributions she has made to the State of Arkansas that are worthy of recognition on the memorable occasion of her one hundred seventh birthday,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives wish Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines a happy one hundred seventh birthday and recognize and honor her service to the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be provided to Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.