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3 By Representative Oliver
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CELEBRATING THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. LAWRENCE JAMES
ALLEN, JR.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
presented to Mr. Lawrence James Allen, Jr. on the occasion of
his 95th birthday on October 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen was born on October 3, 1926, in
Leeds, Alabama, to Lawrence James Allen, Sr., an orphaned
field hand, and Loia Jo Hoover Allen, the daughter of a
sharecropper; he graduated from Leeds High School, and
enlisted in the United States Navy prior to graduation; he
served his country as a signalman on a merchant marine ship
from the fall of 1944 until his honorable discharge in 1946;
upon his return, he married Anne Farley and was married for 69
years until her death in 2016; after working several years in
the automotive industry, he and his family moved to Alexander
City, Alabama, where he worked as an automotive parts manager;
active as a Scout Leader in the Boy Scouts of America, he
became a Professional Boy Scout Executive, a position he held
until 1972; following that, he worked at Russell Corporation

1 in Materials Management until his retirement; while working at
2 Russell Corporation, Mr. Allen began working on, buying,
3 selling, and trading antique clocks, a hobby that he continues
4 today and teaches this skill to others; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen is a great storyteller, attends
6 exercise class four days a week, daily goes to the local
7 nutrition center for lunch and activities, regularly attends
8 church, volunteers at the local hospital, is a front desk
9 greeter at Russell Medical Center, participates in the local
10 American Legion, and runs errands for friends and neighbors,
11 and even still drives a vehicle; he has a computer and a
12 cellphone and uses them to stay connected; he enjoys saving a
13 dollar whenever he can and is very thrifty; he is a joy and an
14 inspiration to all; his birthday wish is that someone would
15 tell him how a single 95-year-old man is supposed to behave;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Allen and his wife
18 joyously welcomed five children, Larry, Richard, Nancy, David,
19 and Lori; he has nine adored grandchildren and six loved
20 great-grandchildren; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the 95th birthday of Mr.
23 Lawrence James Allen, Jr. is an occasion to celebrate this
24 deserving man whose life is an inspiration to his family and
25 to all those who have come to know him; and this resolution is
26 offered to him in highest tribute, along with sincere best
27 wishes for continued prosperity.

