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8 CELEBRATING THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. LAWRENCE JAMES  
9 ALLEN, JR.

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

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen was born on October 3, 1926, in  
15 Leeds, Alabama, to Lawrence James Allen, Sr., an orphaned  
16 field hand, and Loia Jo Hoover Allen, the daughter of a  
17 sharecropper; he graduated from Leeds High School, and  
18 enlisted in the United States Navy prior to graduation; he  
19 served his country as a signalman on a merchant marine ship  
20 from the fall of 1944 until his honorable discharge in 1946;  
21 upon his return, he married Anne Farley and was married for 69  
22 years until her death in 2016; after working several years in  
23 the automotive industry, he and his family moved to Alexander  
24 City, Alabama, where he worked as an automotive parts manager;  
25 active as a Scout Leader in the Boy Scouts of America, he  
26 became a Professional Boy Scout Executive, a position he held  
27 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.

