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HR\_\_\_\_\_ CELEBRATING MRS. EVIE MAE WATSON UPON THE JUBILANT  
OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations  
are offered to Mrs. Evie Mae Watson of Brewton, Alabama, on  
the momentous occasion of her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Evie was born on March 7, 1926, to John Joe  
Goneke and Evie Middleton Goneke; she attended school at  
Center New Grove, Gum Tree, Appleton, and McCall; and

WHEREAS, she married Berk Watson on October 31, 1941;  
she was a supportive wife of her husband, who served as a  
cannoneer in WWII and was active in the Normandy Campaign in  
June 1944; she and Berk were married 56 years before he  
passed away in 1997; Evie enjoyed being a full-time  
homemaker and caring for their children and many  
grandchildren, nieces, and nephews throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Evie briefly worked at Hutto's Clothing  
Store and later at Tot and Teen Clothing Store, owned by her  
dear friend Doris Pace; although she never had a driver's  
license or credit card, she has lived a blessed life and has  
lived in the same home for the last 70 years; and

WHEREAS, she and Berk were blessed with four  
children, Dorothy Kingsland (Harvey), Nellie McNesby  
(Ronnie), Danny Watson (Nancy), and Terri Rowell (Jack);  
nine grandchildren, Keith Kingsland, Kelley Moye (Hal), Kam



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29 Kingsland, Ron McNesby (Tammy), Misti Colabianchi (Santino),  
30 Mandy Kelley (Matt), Jessica Bonner (Christian), Bart Rowell  
31 (Kelly), and Brooke Mannion (Jason); 19 great-grandchildren;  
32 and three great-great-grandchildren; the first grandson,  
33 Keith, affectionately began calling her "Mama Mae," and this  
34 is still how she is known by many people around Brewton; and

35 WHEREAS, over the years, Mama Mae has been actively  
36 involved at First Assembly of God Church in East Brewton,  
37 where she served as a choir member; children's Sunday School  
38 teacher with her dear friend, Obera Forsyth; and served on  
39 the 55-plus ministry team and as a church greeter for many  
40 years; she recently celebrated her birthday at the church  
41 fellowship hall; and

42 WHEREAS, Mama Mae has always been passionate about  
43 cooking for her family and neighbors; her biscuits, chicken  
44 and dressing, pies, and cakes are legendary; her summers  
45 have been filled with canning and preserving vegetables,  
46 making dewberry jelly, and ensuring the freezer is stocked;  
47 and

48 WHEREAS, a 100th Birthday is a significant milestone  
49 that represents 10 decades of wisdom earned and memories  
50 gained, and it is cause for great rejoicing; now therefore,

51 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
52 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mrs. Evie Mae Watson is  
53 deserving of special honor and recognition, and we are  
54 pleased to offer this resolution to her as evidence of our  
55 high regard for her many life accomplishments, along with  
56 sincere wishes for more happy and healthy times to come.