

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
SOLDIER JOHN WESLEY HENRY ON HIS
ONE HUNDRED-THIRD (103) BIRTHDAY**

WHEREAS, Soldier John Wesley Henry, was born on September 30, 1919, in Madison County, Mississippi, spending his youth hunting and fishing, participating in various sports and activities, and regularly attending church, all which later served to form his impeccable character and good standing, as a valued and productive resident citizen of Madison County; and

WHEREAS, he served his county by enlisting in the United States military in 1942, and after been deployed to Europe to support the war effort in various capacities in World War II, John Henry was honorably discharged in 1945; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge, Mr. Henry returned to the Canton, Mississippi area, where in 1947, he married Catherine Griffin, and to this union were born 12 children, 95 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren, and 50 great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Soldier John Wesley Henry worked diligently and productively, having been employed at Presto Manufacturing, at Canton Public Schools, and as an essential service employee of the City of Canton; and

WHEREAS, being affectionately called “John the Baptist”, Mr. Henry attended Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, serving as a Deacon, and blessed many listeners through his gift of song, participating as a

member of the popular singing group, “The Canton Southernairs”, for well over 60 years; and

WHEREAS, notably, Soldier John Wesley Henry has reached the age of One Hundred-Three, a rare birthday that should be greatly celebrated by his family, his friends, and all in Madison County who know, love and respect him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of every citizen and resident of Madison County, Mississippi, celebrates the remarkable career and life of Soldier John Wesley Henry, on this his 103rd birthday, and wishes him good health and fortune, on the continuation of his life’s journey.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that after a vote by the Board of Supervisors, the Clerk will be directed to document this Resolution in the official Minutes of the Madison County Board of Supervisors, and after framing same, will present the Resolution to Mr. Soldier John Wesley Henry and his family.

Motion being made by Supervisor Paul Griffin, and upon proper second, the vote was unanimously approved by the following recorded vote:

District One Supervisor Sheila Jones-	Aye
District Two Supervisor Trey Baxter-	Aye
District Three Supervisor Gerald Steen-	Aye
District Four Supervisor Karl Banks-	Aye
District Five Supervisor Paul Griffin-	Aye

Witness our Signature this the _____ day of November, 2022

Paul Griffin
President, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Ronny Lott
Chancery Clerk