SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 95

Commending Causey Cole.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 10, 2022 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 14, 2022

WHEREAS, Causey Cole, an honorable veteran and an active and beloved member of the Clarksville community, celebrates his 100th birthday in 2022; and

WHEREAS, despite initially being turned down by the draft board on account of a medical condition, Causey Cole persevered in his ambition to serve his country, enlisting with the United States Marine Corps and later the United States Army Air Forces in the 1940s; and

WHEREAS, following his discharge on August 1, 1946, Causey Cole joined the crew building the Burlington Industries mill in Clarksville, contributing greatly to what would become a major economic driver in the region; and

WHEREAS, Causey Cole spent much of his career as a printer with *The Clarksville Times*, supporting the newspaper's efforts to deliver its readers the consequential news of the day in a timely and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, Causey Cole's subsequent professional endeavors included staffing the small businesses of Vaughan's Foods and later Elliott's True Value Hardware in Clarksville, where his friendly and exceptional attention to the needs of his customers brought cheer to countless people over the years; and

WHEREAS, always dedicated to helping others, Causey Cole spent many years with the Mecklenburg County Lifesaving and Rescue Squad and was presented with a local award in 2014 for his meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, Causey Cole has been guided throughout his life by his faith and is a devoted member of Clarksville Baptist Church, receiving the title of deacon emeritus from the congregation in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Causey Cole's long and fulfilling life serves as an inspiration to all who know him, encouraging many to give their best each and every day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Causey Cole, a cherished centenarian of the Clarksville community, on the occasion of his 100th birthday; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Causey Cole as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.