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HR 1054

8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO WISH ELIZABETH "BETTY" KAUFMAN THINES A HAPPY
10 107TH BIRTHDAY AND TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HER SERVICE
11 TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
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18 ARKANSAS.
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20 WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines was born in the rural
21 community of St. Vincent, Arkansas, on March 4, 1918; and
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23 WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines worked alongside eight (8) of
24 her siblings to take over operation of Kaufman Farms in 1931, and they were
25 selected as the 1939 Arkansas landowner champions of the Plant to Prosper
26 Competition, which recognized farmers who incorporated best farming practices
27 and improved utilization of cotton cropland; and
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29 WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines served as Deputy County Clerk
30 in Conway County, Arkansas, from 1941-45; and
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32 WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines was a stenographer and
33 secretary for the House of Representatives during 1953-55 and 1959; and
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35 WHEREAS, during her time of service to the House of Representatives in
36 Arkansas, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines lived and worked in Vermont, but



1 she chose to take a leave of absence from her primary employment to return to
2 Arkansas and serve the legislature in her home state; and

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4 WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines was pleased to serve the
5 State of Arkansas and is proud that photographs of her during her time of
6 service with the House of Representatives are still on display in the State
7 Capitol Building; and

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9 WHEREAS, from 1959-68, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines co-owned and
10 operated, alongside her husband, Henry, Thines Supermarket in Morrilton; and

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12 WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines has executed an integral role
13 in the preservation and continuation of Kaufman Farms, which was designated
14 as an Arkansas Century Farm in 2018; and

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16 WHEREAS, one (1) of the job responsibilities of Elizabeth "Betty"
17 Kaufman Thines was to officially record votes made by the House of
18 Representatives on resolutions; and

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20 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to recognize Elizabeth
21 "Betty" Kaufman Thines by conducting a vote on the floor of the House of
22 Representatives to honor her public service and the many contributions she
23 has made to the State of Arkansas that are worthy of recognition on the
24 memorable occasion of her one hundred seventh birthday,

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26 NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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30 THAT the House of Representatives wish Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines
31 a happy one hundred seventh birthday and recognize and honor her service to
32 the State of Arkansas.

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be
35 provided to Elizabeth "Betty" Kaufman Thines by the Chief Clerk of the House
36 of Representatives.