

Substitute for House Resolution No. 166.

A resolution to recognize and honor Jeralean Talley of Inkster, Michigan, who became the oldest person living in the United States on March 21, 2013.

Whereas, Jeralean Talley was born on May 23, 1899, in Montrose, Georgia and moved to Michigan in 1935; and

Whereas, After verifying the names of Jeralean's parents and siblings in the 1900 Census, the Gerontology Research Group, which keeps a list of the world's oldest people, was able to confirm her date of birth; and

Whereas, Jeralean is 114 years old and has become the third oldest person in the world; and

Whereas, Jeralean has outlived the national average life expectancy of 78.7 years to reach the milestone of supercentenarian, a person who is 110 or older. Approximately 1 in 5 million people living in the United States becomes a supercentenarian experts say; and

Whereas, Several of Jeralean's 11 siblings lived well into their 90s, according to Thelma Holloway, who is 75 years old and Jeralean's only child; and

Whereas, Jeralean cares deeply for others and is willing to aide her community whenever she can. Such a spirit is most welcome in our society today as it has been for all of her 114 years; and

Whereas, This milestone is certainly a time of celebration for her family and friends and one which offers us an opportunity to gratefully recognize the contributions of one of our state's outstanding citizens; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize and honor Jeralean Talley on becoming the oldest person living in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Rick Snyder and State Senator Tupac Hunter.