
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND COMMENDING GLADYS "GLADY" BURRILL FOR BEING THE
OLDEST WOMAN IN THE WORLD TO COMPLETE A MARATHON.

1 WHEREAS, Waikiki resident, Gladys "Glady" Burrill, of
2 Prospect, Oregon, was born on November 23, 1918, in La Center,
3 Washington, at a time when women were denied the right to
4 participate in numerous activities that were the exclusive
5 domain of men, including the right to vote; and
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7 WHEREAS, Gladys "Glady" Burrill, ignored the obstacles that
8 women faced and worked alongside her late husband of sixty nine
9 years, Eugene F. Burrill, to create one of Southern Oregon's
10 largest family-owned lumber companies in the early 1940s; and
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12 WHEREAS, Gladys "Glady" Burrill is an outstanding community
13 role model who has practiced a healthy lifestyle all of her
14 life, including abstaining from drinking alcohol and smoking and
15 has remained fit and healthy; and
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17 WHEREAS, Gladys "Glady" Burrill has lived life to the
18 fullest, piloting multi-engine airplanes, hiking through the
19 deserts of Arizona, scaling the summit of Mount Hood in Oregon,
20 and recently renewing her Oregon driver's license; and
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22 WHEREAS, Gladys "Glady" Burrill first competed in the
23 Honolulu Marathon in 2004 at the ripe age of eighty-six, power
24 walking the entire 26.2 miles, subsequently repeating this
25 remarkable feat in 2005, 2006, and 2007; and
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27 WHEREAS, many thought that Gladys "Glady" Burrill's
28 marathoning days were over when she failed to complete the
29 Honolulu marathons in 2008 and 2009; and
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31 WHEREAS, motivated to prove that she still had the
32 endurance, stamina, and fortitude to complete another marathon,



1 Gladys "Glady" Burrill began the 2010 Honolulu Marathon during
2 the early hours of December 12th; and

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4 WHEREAS, crossing the finish line at Kapiolani Park nine
5 hours, fifty three minutes, and sixteen seconds after starting
6 her marathon, Gladys "Glady" Burrill valiantly and triumphantly
7 completed the 2010 Honolulu Marathon, putting to rest any doubts
8 about her ability to complete another marathon and exemplifying
9 the "can do" spirit that she has exhibited her entire life; and

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11 WHEREAS, by completing the 2010 Honolulu Marathon at the
12 age of ninety two, Gladys "Glady" Burrill has earned the
13 distinction of becoming the eldest woman in the world to
14 complete a marathon; and

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16 WHEREAS, Gladys "Glady" Burrill's world record and
17 remarkable achievement has been recognized by the World Records
18 Academy and by USA Track and Field, and will soon be recognized
19 by the Guinness Book of World Records; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2011, that on behalf of the people of the State of Hawaii,
24 the Legislature hereby honors, admires, and commends Gladys
25 "Glady" Burrill for being the oldest woman in the world to
26 complete a marathon; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body offers Gladys "Glady"
29 Burrill best wishes and warmest aloha in all of her future
30 endeavors, wherever the course of life may take her, including,
31 should she desire, running in future Honolulu marathons.

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