

By Senator Latvala

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Elsie Marie Calvert Thompson,
the oldest living American.

WHEREAS, Elsie Marie Calvert was born on April 5, 1899, in
Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, in 1921, Elsie Marie Calvert married Ronald "Ron"
L. Thompson, an Army Veteran of World War I and World War II,
who went on to serve in the Pennsylvania House of
Representatives for 22 years, and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Elsie Marie Calvert Thompson
successfully ran her husband's gold refinery business, but she
most enjoyed her role as a devoted wife and mother, and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Elsie and Ron retired to Clearwater,
where they purchased a condominium just off U.S. 19, where Elsie
still resides, and

WHEREAS, until she turned 102 years old, Elsie made an
annual trip to California to visit her now 72-year-old son,
George, and his children and grandchildren, but he now visits
her in the Sunshine State, and

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2013, Elsie Marie Calvert Thompson
became the oldest living American and, on January 12, 2013,
became the fifth-oldest living person in the world, and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2013, Elsie Marie Calvert Thompson
entered the list of the 100 oldest women of all time, and

WHEREAS, when asked her secret to living a long life, Elsie
Marie Calvert Thompson replied, "I love people," NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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That we recognize one of Clearwater's greatest treasures,
Elsie Marie Calvert Thompson, the oldest living American.