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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 323

Honoring Edward W. Brooke, III, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 27, 2009

Mr. BURRIS (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KIRK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring Edward W. Brooke, III, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Whereas Edward W. Brooke, III, served in the United States Senate with great dedication, integrity, and professionalism as a trusted colleague from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

Whereas Edward Brooke was the first African-American elected by popular vote to the United States Senate and was the first African-American to serve in the United States Senate since the Reconstruction Era;

Whereas Edward Brooke served on the Commission on Civil Disorders under President Lyndon B. Johnson, where his work on discrimination in housing served as the basis for the Fair Housing Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.);

Whereas Edward Brooke was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom on June 23, 2004;

Whereas Edward Brooke was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal on October 28, 2009;

Whereas Edward Brooke's long and distinguished career in public service included serving in the United States Army during World War II, as Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and as chairman of the board of the National Low Income Housing Coalition; and

Whereas Edward Brooke celebrated his 90th birthday on October 26, 2009: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) acknowledges and honors the unprecedented  
3       and enduring achievements and contributions made  
4       by Edward W. Brooke, III, during his distinguished  
5       career of public service to the United States; and

6               (2) congratulates and expresses best wishes to  
7       Edward Brooke on the celebration of his 90th birth-  
8       day.

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