

House Resolution No. 570

Whereas, on March 10, 2002, Virginia Houston Gillis of Kansas City, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Seventy-fifth Birthday during a special celebration beginning with a tree dedication ceremony at Villa De Sol (formerly Pennway Housing Development), followed by a dinner at the Tony Aguirre Community Center; and

Whereas, God brought a special gift to this great nation in 1927 with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Virginia, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Virginia Gillis will have the opportunity to reminisce about moving to Kansas City in the early 1950s, where she resided in the Westside neighborhood for more than thirty years and distinguished herself as President of the Pennway Association; and

Whereas, a grass roots activist who championed the rights of housing tenants for equality and respect, Virginia Gillis has resided in Kansas City's Blue Hills Neighborhood for the past decade, during which time she has enjoyed recognition by serving as a senior consultant in the Grandparents as Parents Program sponsored by the University of Missouri-Kansas City; and

Whereas, God has blessed Virginia Gillis with a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Sam Gillis (deceased); her children, Richard Gillis, Samuel Gillis, Robert Gillis, Michael Gillis, Lonny Gillis, and Sharon McKinzy; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and

Whereas, Virginia Gillis has reason to be proud of her children, five of whom were active in the Kansas City Golden Gloves, while Robert and Richard also provided Kansas City with a combined record of service totaling nearly a half century; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 75, Virginia Gillis derives a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction from being a valuable member of the Usher Board at Faith Mission Church of God in Christ and a registered, active voter:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Virginia Gillis at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Virginia Houston Gillis.

Offered by _____
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks
District No. 37

Representative Craig Bland
District No. 43

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do

certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 570, adopted March 6, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

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