

House Resolution No. 683

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic technological, lifestyle, and social changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Edward Erle "Ed" Richards, Jr., of Oregon, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his Ninetieth Birthday with an open house and reception on February 17, 2002, at the Oregon First Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, on February 25, 1912, in Oregon, God brought a special gift to Edward Erle Richards, Sr., and Ida (Markt) Richards with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Ed, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Ed Richards had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his first marriage in 1934 to Frances Hoffman (deceased); the birth of their son; his second marriage in 1946 to Fern Sample (deceased); and the births of their four children; and

Whereas, God has blessed Ed Richards with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his children Edward Erle Richards, III, of Bakersville, North Carolina, David Richards of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, Susan Laukemper of Mound City, Judge William Richards of Oregon, and Bob Richards of Kansas City; eleven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, retired as of 1981, Ed Richards attended college and law school at the University of Nebraska and the University of Kansas City, after which he distinguished himself by practicing law and serving as an abstractor in Holt County prior to being elected Division II Circuit Judge of Holt County in 1977:

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 Ed Richards at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his 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 Missouri nonagenarian Edward Erle Richards, Jr., as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
 Representative Daniel J. Hegeman
 District No. 5

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. 683, adopted March 7, 2002.

 Jim Kreider, Speaker