

House Resolution No. 101

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, William J. Mills, Sr., of Garden City, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his One Hundredth Birthday on January 9, 2003; and

Whereas, on January 9, 1903, in Geary County, Kansas, God brought a special gift to D.L. and Anna (Riniken) Mills with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of William, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, William Mills will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his move to Missouri in 1920 and his fifty-year marriage to Josephine (Herrin) Mills (deceased); and

Whereas, God has blessed William Mills with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his children, Ann Grasher, William Jacob Mills, Jr., Mary Brown, Rachel Hale, Theodore Mills, Leonard Mills, Ronnie Mills, and Roy Mills; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, William Mills, a farmer and construction worker until his retirement, has also enjoyed recognition by making furniture, crafting 27 grandfather clocks, and sewing more than 187 quilt tops for cancer patients; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 100, William Mills is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to William Mills 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 Centenarian William Mills, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Shannon Cooper
District No. 120

Representative Rex Rector
District No. 124

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 101, adopted January 22, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker