

House Resolution No. 133

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in acknowledging rare milestones in the lives of individuals who have maintained beloved associations with the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, Grace Dethrow Gamet of Los Angeles, California, was born on January 21, 1903, in Couch, Missouri, where she attended the Piney school, helped her Dad on the farm, and assisted her Mom in raising five younger brothers and sisters; and

Whereas, now One Hundred years old, Grace Gamet enjoyed a spectacular birthday celebration on Sunday, January 19, 2003, which was held at the Clubhouse at Dunsmore Park in La Crescenta, California, where she was crowned with a tiara as Queen of the Day; and

Whereas, the second cousin of the Honorable Mike Dethrow, State Representative of the One Hundred Fifty-third District in Missouri, Grace Gamet as a young woman lived in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Iowa, Georgia, Alabama, Kansas, Colorado, and other locations; and

Whereas, following the dissolution of her marriage to a musician Samuel Arechiga and the beginning of the Great Depression, Grace Gamet again found love and support in life through her marriage to Everett Gamet, an electrician for Union Pacific Railroad; and

Whereas, Grace Gamet has been richly blessed with the love of her children, Dolores Shores, Juanita Statum, Keith Gamet, and Jack Gamet; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and an adoring parrot named Max who loves peeled grapes; and

Whereas, down through the years Grace Gamet has been active with the local election board and politics, turning her yard into a garden, maintaining two rental properties, crocheting, participating in Eastern Star, and making more than four hundred baby blankets and booties for Baptist Church missionaries:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously with our esteemed colleague, the Honorable Mike Dethrow, to applaud his second cousin's special status as a Centenarian and to convey to her, Grace Dethrow Gamet, this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years to come; 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 in honor of the One Hundredth Birthday of Grace Dethrow Gamet.

Offered by _____
 Representative Mike Dethrow
 District No. 153

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. 133, adopted January 27, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker