

## House Resolution No. 333

**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**, Cletes O. Cato of Zalma, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his Eighty-seventh Birthday on October 9, 2002; and

**Whereas**, on October 9, 1915, in their family home near Greenbriar, God brought a special gift to C. Otto and Bessie (Null) Cato with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Cletes, who would grow up and distinguish himself in many ways; and

**Whereas**, Cletes Cato is a World War II veteran who served ten years in the United States Armed Forces, during which time he was stationed at Red Stone Missile Base in Huntsville, Alabama; and

**Whereas**, Cletes Cato attended Southeast Missouri State University and earned a Master's degree in education at Columbia University prior to beginning his career as a teacher in a one-room school house at Stepp and Snake Bluff and ending when he retired as Superintendent of Schools thirty-five years later; and

**Whereas**, a former truck driver, Cletes Cato holds membership in the Zalma Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite, Zalma Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 509, the Marble Hill VFW, and Bethel Baptist Church, and enjoys fly-fishing, woodworking, canoeing, and feeding the birds in the winter; and

**Whereas**, Cletes Cato has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Jessie J. (McKinley) Cato; his children, Cathy D. Cook, Jackie Kubisiak, Barbara Cato, and Ramona Bollinger; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren:

**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 Cletes Cato 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 Cletes O. Cato, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Jason G. Crowell  
 Majority Floor Leader  
 District No. 158

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. 333, adopted February 12, 2003.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker