

House Resolution No. 487

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 her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Kathryn (Bram) Ridge of Grant City, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Eighty-fifth Birthday on February 9, 2003; and

Whereas, Kathryn Ridge made her formal debut in 1918 along with such notable people as former United States Vice President Spiro Theodore Agnew, Tony Award winner Pearl Bailey, and broadcast journalist Myron Leon "Mike" Wallace; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Kathryn Ridge came into this world the same year that American astronomer Harlow Shapley discovered the dimensions of the Milky Way; an airmail service began among New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C.; and the world's largest telescope of that time was installed at Mount Wilson Observatory; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Kathryn Ridge had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in life such as her marriage to Elton Ridge (deceased), the births of her three daughters and one son, and her life on the Century Farm which she still maintains with the help of her daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Richard Foster; and

Whereas, God has blessed Kathryn Ridge with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her children, Helen Foster of Grant City, Dianna Reynolds of Faucett, Deborah Terry of Robinson, Kansas, and David Ridge, who is an angel in heaven; and

Whereas, Kathryn Ridge is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her 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 Kathryn Ridge 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 Kathryn Ridge, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

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. 487, adopted February 25, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker