

House Resolution No. 1033

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives continue to marvel at the longevity experienced by native citizens of the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, Cleo Carnes of Camdenton, Missouri, proudly attained the enviable status of Missouri Centenarian on March 16, 2003, when family and friends gathered for a festive celebration of her One Hundredth Birthday at the Lake Valley Country Club; and

Whereas, as she joyously commemorated a full century of achievement in the company of her loved ones, Cleo Carnes took solemn pause to reflect upon all of the changes that have occurred in her life, in Miller County, and around the world since her birth one hundred years ago; and

Whereas, Cleo made her formal debut on March 16, 1903, at the family farmhouse near Ulman, where she distinguished herself as the pride and joy of William Carol and Josephine Nixdorf, both of whom had also been blessed with remarkably long and healthy lives; and

Whereas, with the advice and encouragement of her loving parents, Cleo came to appreciate the importance of a good education, completed high school, and graduated from Iberia Academy with four years of Latin and two years of Greek in preparation for a career of teaching students through the eighth grade near Brumley; and

Whereas, Cleo Carnes also worked for twelve years in the fashion industry as an associate for Sylvia's Dress Shop on the square in Camdenton; and

Whereas, in 1928 Cleo married Nile Carnes, with whom she would share sixty-four years of wedded bliss marked by the births of two daughters, Lucy Wheeler of Osage Beach, Missouri, and Sue Strasser of Buffalo, New York, and the subsequent love of six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, the luxuries that Cleo Carnes enjoys today contrast sharply with the simpler times of her childhood and youth, the excitement of seeing a telephone for the first time, purchasing a television, and enjoying such modern conveniences as indoor plumbing:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending happy birthday greetings, hearty congratulations, and best wishes to Cleo Carnes as she continues her journey along life's path; 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 Cleo Carnes, as a memento of this significant milestone.

Offered by _____
Representative Wayne Cooper
District No. 155

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. 1033, adopted March 20, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker