

## House Resolution No. 1153

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have attained remarkable milestones in life; and

**Whereas**, Kenton E. Thompson has earned considerable distinction as an American Legionnaire who has garnered Sixty Years of membership with that august veterans organization; and

**Whereas**, an Air Force veteran of World War II, Kenton Thompson flew many missions over Europe as a pilot making reconnaissance trips to photograph such important infrastructure as a bridge over the Rhine River; and

**Whereas**, Kenton Thompson subsequently served with military forces occupying a vanquished Germany after its fall in 1945, and remained on active duty with the Air Force until his well-deserved retirement in 1961 when the Cold War between the United States and its erstwhile ally, Russia, began to heat up dramatically; and

**Whereas**, a member of American Legion Post 92 in Grant City, Kenton Thompson has held all of the possible leadership posts there; and

**Whereas**, Kenton Thompson first joined the American Legion after his discharge as a Cadet on December 12, 1942, and before he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force; and

**Whereas**, the American Legion presented Kenton Thompson with a Sixty-Year Certificate to express its gratitude for his years of service and his dedication to the ideals and principles of the organization:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute military veteran Kenton Thompson and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon reaching the Sixty Year mark in his membership with the American Legion and our best wishes for continued personal success now and in the future; 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 American Legionnaire Kenton E. Thompson of Post 92 in Grant City, Missouri.

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. 1153, adopted March 31, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker