

House Resolution No. 1694

Whereas, Minnie Frances Erickson of Sugar Creek, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundred Fourth Birthday on April 13, 2003; and

Whereas, on April 13, 1899, in Marshall, God brought a special gift to George F. and Mina Hoyes with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Minnie, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Minnie Erickson will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as selling homemade sorghum made from their cane crop, row cropping with a team of horses, going to town using a horse and buggy, and marrying John Erickson (deceased); and

Whereas, Minnie Erickson has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two children, John W. Erickson and Shirley J. Hix; four grandchildren, John M. Erickson, Sherry K. Reese, John F. Hix, and Melinda J. Dorris; and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Minnie Erickson was born the same day as Scrabble inventor Alfred Butts and the same year as dancer and singer Fred Astaire, film star Humphrey De Forest Bogart, and film director Alfred Hitchcock; and

Whereas, televisions were not even invented when Minnie Erickson was born and William McKinley was President of the United States, since which time she has seen eighteen presidents serve as Commander in Chief, including Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Warren Gamaliel Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Clark Hoover, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Harry S Truman, Dwight David Eisenhower, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Lyndon Baines Johnson, Richard Milhouse Nixon, Gerald Rudolf Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush:

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 Minnie Erickson 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 Missouri centenarian Minnie Frances Erickson, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
 Representative Ray Salva
 District No. 51

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. 1694, adopted April 9, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker