

House Resolution No. 1853

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, Ernest Kephart commemorated the resplendent occasion of his One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on March 29, 2003, at Northview Manor in Tarkio, Missouri; and

Whereas, on April 1, 1903, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Ernest, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, Ernest Kephart made his formal debut in 1903 along with such notable people as singer, songwriter, fiddler, and bandleader Roy Claxton Acuff; singer and actor Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby; comedian Leslie Townes "Bob" Hope; and orchestra leader Lawrence Welk; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Ernest Kephart was born the same year that the first World Series baseball game was played and the Rolls-Royce automobile company was founded in Britain; and

Whereas, Ernest Kephart has been an eyewitness to numerous national and international events, many of which are familiar to others only through the pages of history; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 100, Ernest Kephart is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his 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 Ernest Kephart 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 Missouri centenarian Ernest Kephart, as a measure of our esteem for him.

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. 1853, adopted April 15, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker