

House Resolution No. 2567

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Benjamin F. Tompkins, a resident of Barnard, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his Eighty-fifth Birthday with a special celebration on April 19, 2003, in Guilford; and

Whereas, on April 16, 1918, in Barnard, God brought a special gift to this great state with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Benjamin; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Benjamin Tompkins had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the events and pastimes in his life such as helping with the family farm, collecting key chains, doing puzzles, and learning how to care for horses; and

Whereas, Benjamin Tompkins made his formal debut in 1918 along with such notable people as Tony Award winner Pearl Bailey, sports announcer Howard Cosell, and broadcast journalist Myron Leon "Mike" Wallace; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Benjamin Tompkins was born the same year that astronomer Harlow Shapley discovered the dimensions of the Milky Way and the world's largest telescope was installed at Mount Wilson Observatory; and

Whereas, Benjamin Tompkins 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 Benjamin Tompkins 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 Benjamin F. Tompkins, 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. 2567, adopted May 7, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker