

House Resolution No. 2646

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

Whereas, Erma Freese, a cherished resident of Concordia, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on June 1, 2003; and

Whereas, on June 1, 1903 in Concordia, God brought a special gift to B.A. and Sophie Hoelscher with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Erma, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Erma Freese will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as being married to Walter Walkenhorst, finding love a second time when she wed Olen Freese, and giving birth to two children; and

Whereas, God has blessed Erma Freese with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two children, Marion McBroom and Jean Johnson, who is an angel in heaven; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a fifty-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Erma Freese distinguished herself in the business world as a trusted store manager and bookkeeper; and

Whereas, Erma Freese derives a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through her lifetime affiliation with Bethel United Church of Christ, where she served as organist for more than six decades; and

Whereas, Erma Freese is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received from the good Lord who is the center of her 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 Erma Freese 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 Erma Freese, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Jim Seigfreid
District No. 26

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. 2646, adopted May 8, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker