

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of Polk County's most beloved senior citizens; and

**Whereas**, Mary Belle Cook, a treasured resident of Humansville, Missouri, will commemorate the splendid occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a festive celebration to be held February 1, 2003, at the Humansville Methodist Church; and

**Whereas**, Mary Belle Cook came into this world in Fallsville, Arkansas, on January 30, 1903, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents William Alexander Lewis and Rose America Roberts Lewis, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

**Whereas**, Mary Belle Cook received an eighth grade education and embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Cecil Kelly Lingerfelt, a kind and caring gentleman with whom she shared much wedded success and happiness before his death; and

**Whereas**, Mary Belle Cook was fortunate to find true love once again when she wed Cleo Cook, who enjoyed every moment of her company until his passing from this world; and

**Whereas**, a proud recipient of the 2000 Missouri Lance Award who loves to work in her yard and garden, Mary Belle Cook enjoyed her family immensely and showed her special love for them by dutifully caring for her home and remaining supportive of their every endeavor; and

**Whereas**, Mary Belle Cook has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her seven children, Bernice, Theda, Lois, Ray, Marcine, Rex, and Joan, and her seventeen grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, now one hundred years young, Mary Belle Cook faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good Christian life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those she holds most dear:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Mary Belle Cook as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; 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 Mary Belle Cook, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ronnie Miller  
District No. 133

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker