

House Resolution No. 4012

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Mary Jane Temmen, an outstanding Missourian who resides in Taos, Missouri, who is to be commended for the hard work and dedication she displayed in the design and creation of the beautiful burgundy velvet drapes that hang in the rear of the House Chamber, side galleries, and behind the Speaker's Dais at the Missouri State Capitol; and

Whereas, Mary Jane Temmen began sewing clothes for herself at a young age and continued to make beautiful garments for her children including a fashionable leisure suit that was worn by each of her four sons to their high school graduation, the pictures of which have brought much joy and laughter to her loved ones; and

Whereas, Mary Jane Temmen was taught to make drapes by Tilly Shafer and began working out of her basement, making draperies for Walleu and Schneiders, Cliff, and Beverly Lamm; and

Whereas, Mary Jane Temmen was hired to make the burgundy velvet drapes that adorn the walls of the House Chamber in 1972, a task she completed in 1973 for a profit of \$600, and sewed the drapes in the Senate Chamber fifteen years later; and

Whereas, over the past three decades, countless individuals from both near and far have greatly enjoyed having their pictures taken in front of Mary Jane's beautiful drapes; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who has survived cancer as well as her role as a 4-H Leader, Mary Jane Temmen was honored to have been asked by Reid Millard to sew the black drapes that hung at the Governor's Mansion when Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan passed away in October of 2000; and

Whereas, the daughter of Leo and Teresa Renkemeyer, Mary Jane Temmen has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband of forty-seven years, the late Butch "Whitey" Temmen; her six children, Nancy, Pam, Mark, Keith, Ross, and Bruce; her eight grandchildren, Stephen, Chris, Tracy, Michelle, Andy, Ashley, Madalyn, and Dawson; and her three great-grandchildren, Jarrett, Brenden, and Jackson:

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 to Mary Jane Temmen at this proud moment of well-deserved recognition, and in wishing her only the very best as she continues to touch the lives of the employees and visitors of the Missouri State Capitol through her work; 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 Mary Jane Temmen, as a mark of our great esteem for her.

Offered by _____
 Representative Mark J. Bruns
 District No. 113

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. 4012, adopted September 9, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker