

House Resolution No. 4041

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

Whereas, Mark H. Bunyard of Chillicothe, Missouri, attained the long-awaited status of Missouri Centenarian in 2002; and

Whereas, born on September 28, 1902, in Byers, Oklahoma, Mark Bunyard currently lives at the Baptist Home in Chillicothe; and

Whereas, now that his One Hundred First Birthday draws near, Mark Bunyard can reminisce about the many high points in his life, including a loving marriage which lasted for fifty-eight years to Beulah May Bunyard, now deceased, and growing up in a family with three brothers and four sisters, one of whom was one hundred three years of age last October; and

Whereas, a former student at the Missouri School for the Blind in St. Louis, Mark Bunyard enjoyed the many pleasures and the character-building trials that come with working in a broom factory and as a broom salesman; and

Whereas, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Mark Bunyard enjoys a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, the worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, the rise of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, the demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and the shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

Whereas, Mark Bunyard also deserves mention of his singing on a St. Louis radio station and of his skillful playing of the violin and coronet:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the One Hundred First Birthday of Mark Bunyard and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon becoming a member of the Governor's Century Club and our best wishes for many such achievements in the future; 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 in honor of Mark H. Bunyard of Chillicothe, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative John Quinn
 District No. 7

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. 4041, adopted September 11, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker