

## House Resolution No. 4083

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have demonstrated the hardiness, good fortune, and determination to reach impressive goals in life; and

**Whereas**, Beatrice “Bea” Piel of Bridgeton was born on September 22, 1901, into the loving family of John and Mary Blake; and

**Whereas**, during the early part of her life, Bea Piel grew up in the Bridgeton area, attended St. Mary’s Catholic Grade School, studiously applied herself to learning sewing skills at Keester’s Sewing School on Vandeventer, and took piano lessons from Mrs. Lucas; and

**Whereas**, Bea Piel enjoyed such good things in life as walking to school, riding with her father in a horse-drawn wagon, living on a farm near the appropriately-named Pear Tree Lane, visiting neighbors for parties and dances, and watching trains in the distance and airplanes taking off from what is now Lambert Field; and

**Whereas**, on October 25, 1922, Bea Piel married her beloved William Piel in St. Mary’s Church, after which time they raised ten children, William J. “Bill” Piel, Mary Elizabeth “Betty” Friedhoff, John V. “Jack” Piel, Beatrice A. “Bea” Lowry, Clara J. “C.J.” Meyer, Patricia A. “Pat” Besmer, James R. “Jim” Piel, Thomas B. “Tom” Piel, Robert F. “Bert” Piel, and Eileen C. Breier; and

**Whereas**, Bea Piel also has had the tremendous good fortune to be the grandmother of fifty-four children, great-grandmother of one hundred three, and the great-great-grandmother of fifteen; and

**Whereas**, among other recreational pursuits, Bea Piel traveled to Europe in 1962 with her husband, son John, and his wife Betty; made three trips to Ireland with some of her daughters and their husbands; took bus trips with groups from Presentation Church; walked every morning; and liked to take the bus and streetcars downtown to shop:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the One Hundred Second Birthday of Beatrice Piel and to convey to her this legislative body’s most heartfelt congratulations at attaining this exceptional milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory occasions to come; 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 Beatrice “Bea” Piel of Bridgeton, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Clint Zweifel  
 District No. 78

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. 4083, adopted September 18, 2003.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker