

House Resolution No. 106

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous milestone in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Helen Louise Hatch, a treasured resident of Crane, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on February 22, 2004, with a festive celebration to be held at Crane Christian Church; and

Whereas, Helen Louise Hatch came into this world in Winfield, Kansas, on February 23, 1904, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents William J. and Sarah Jane Long, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Helen embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Charles H. "Doc" Hatch, a kind and loving gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his untimely passing from this world; and

Whereas, an independent woman who lives on her own, Helen Hatch derived a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction from working in her garden and caring for her only daughter, Charlene Louise Hatch (deceased); and

Whereas, Helen Hatch considers herself fortunate for the numerous blessings in her life and takes comfort in her memories of friends and loved ones that continue to hold a special place in her heart; and

Whereas, now one hundred years young, Helen Hatch 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-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Helen Hatch 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 Helen Louise Hatch, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Jay Wasson
District No. 141

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 106, adopted January 20, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker