

## House Resolution No. 134

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened to learn of the death of Mary Louise (Woods) Garth on Saturday, January 17, 2004, at the age of eighty-eight years, ten months, and twenty-five days; and

**Whereas**, born on February 22, 1915, into the family of McKinley and Louise Woods, Mary attended Dunbar Elementary School and R.T. Coles High School, graduated from Lincoln High School in 1935, and served as a maid and waitress during her formative years; and

**Whereas**, after her marriage to Santa Fe Railroad porter James R. Garth during the 1940s, Mary Garth enrolled in the Nursing School of General Hospital Number 2 and graduated in 1948; and

**Whereas**, Mary Garth continued her education by enrolling in piano, etiquette, sewing, interior decorating, hairdressing, millenary classes, and finance workshops; provided much-appreciated nurturing and guidance for her niece, Delores Linzia; and shared her many talents through creative endeavors at Saint Andrew's United Methodist Church, where she was a member, and Grace Spiritual Temple, where she was an honorary member and frequent attendee; and

**Whereas**, the second-oldest resident of the Leeds neighborhood in 2001, Mary Garth was the ceremonial ribbon cutter at the February 6, 2003, opening of the "Celebrating Leeds" exhibit which was held in the state capitol rotunda; and

**Whereas**, the late Mary Garth is survived by her sisters, Lola Bishop of Buffalo, New York, and Cora Jean Bush, Lella Jo Taylor, Darlene Jackson, Javonne Oliver, and Ada Shaw of Kansas City; stepbrothers Herman Birks, Sr., of Kansas City, Robert E. Birks of Oakland, California, and Clarence "Don" Oliver of Kansas City; two sisters-in-law, Irene Garth and C.L. Garth of Kansas City; a special niece, Delores Linzia; a great-niece, Yvette Young; cousins in Kansas City, Kansas, Topeka, Kansas, Chicago, Illinois, Bellevue, Illinois, and the state of California; twenty-two nephews; nineteen nieces; and a host of other extended family members:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life, work, and societal contributions of Mary Garth and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to her surviving family members, friends, and colleagues who now must carry on without her considerable warmth and light in their daily lives; 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 memory of Mary Louise Garth of the historic Leeds neighborhood of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Yvonne S. Wilson  
 District No. 42

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. 134, adopted January 21, 2004.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker