

House Resolution No. 138

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Winona Mills Godman, a treasured resident of Jamesport, Missouri, who will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on January 29, 2004, with a festive celebration to be held at her home; and

Whereas, Winona Mills came into this world on a farm northwest of Jamesport on January 29, 1904, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents George and Susie Wiles Mills, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, following the death of her mother, Winona Mills lived with various relatives and attended several schools, including East Brushy School and schools at Hedrick, Iowa, and Lock Springs and LaBelle, Missouri; and

Whereas, Winona embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life in 1920, when she married her beloved Harold Godman, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she farmed for many years and shared in the love of two fine children until his passing from this world in 1968; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and doting grandmother who enjoyed reading to her grandchildren, Winona Godman moved to Jamesport after Harold's death where she took nurse's training courses at Hedrick Hospital in Chillicothe, and worked for Dr. Bailey at his clinic in Jamesport until she was seventy-seven years old, following which she helped to provide home care for people until she was in her eighties; and

Whereas, a remarkable woman whose strength and perseverance are an inspiration to others, Winona Godman has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her two children, Marjory L. Earley (deceased) and Marvin L. Godman (deceased); and her seven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now one hundred years young, Winona Godman faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, thumbing through seed catalogs and making plans for spring planting:

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 Winona Godman 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 Winona Mills Godman, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
 Representative Jim Whorton
 District No. 3

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. 138, adopted January 21, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker