

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, Merle Walker, a treasured resident of Barnard, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his Ninetieth Birthday on March 17, 2004; and

Whereas, Merle Walker came into this world near Maryville on March 17, 1914, since which time he has witnessed with pleasure such monumental events as man's walking on the moon, the dawn of modern medical science, world computerization, and the advent of the Internet; and

Whereas, in his early childhood, Merle Walker and his family moved to the Barnard area, where he has lived ever since; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring grandfather, Merle Walker provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through many years of tireless endeavor as a farmer; and

Whereas, Merle Walker has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his five children, Leon Walker of Mt. Blanchard, Ohio, Barry Walker of Barnard, Merlene Walker of Kansas City, Barbara Allen of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and Linda Holcomb of St. Joseph; his stepson, the late Kenny Hughes; and his nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; and

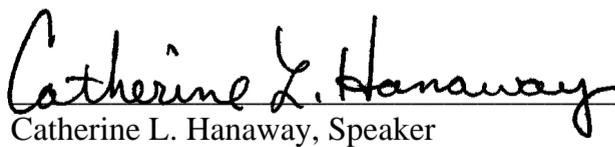
Whereas, now ninety years young, Merle Walker faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing his experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those he holds most dear:

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 Merle Walker as he proudly celebrates ninety years of achievement, and in wishing him tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as he continues his 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 nonagenarian Merle Walker, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

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. 1335, adopted March 30, 2004.


Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker