

House Resolution No. 1396

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

Whereas, Raymond Anthony Bruntrager will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Eightieth Birthday on April 10, 2004, in the company of those he holds most dear; and

Whereas, Raymond Bruntrager came into this world in New York City on March 8, 1924, as the tiny infant son born to proud and loving parents Charles and May Bonner Bruntrager, who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, a 1942 graduate of the prestigious Regis Jesuit High School, Raymond Bruntrager dutifully served his country as a flight instructor in the United States Army Air Corps, during which time he was awarded the Soldier's Medal for Heroism in a non-combat zone for the courage he displayed in rescuing the pilot of a plane on which he was a passenger after it crashed and burned; and

Whereas, Raymond Bruntrager embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in his life on December 24, 1944, when he married Lieutenant Mary Alice Roche, a kind and loving woman with whom he has shared the love and affection of six fine children; and

Whereas, Raymond Bruntrager attended law school and worked with the Circuit Attorney's Office before entering private practice in 1956, partnering with Joseph Stewart for many years and later establishing Bruntrager & Bruntrager with his eldest son; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband whose keen sense of humor and eternal optimism show in his golf game, Raymond Bruntrager has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife of sixty years, Mary Alice; his six children, Ray, Jr., Ned, Mary Pat, Kathy, Neil, and Dan; his twenty-two grandchildren; and his two great-grandchildren:

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 Raymond Bruntrager as he proudly celebrates eighty years of achievement, and in wishing him much peace 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 octogenarian Raymond Anthony Bruntrager, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Gina Walsh
District No. 69

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. 1396, adopted April 1, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker